

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 19th MAY 1983

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N9691.	J.W.Berrisford Esq., Brieryhurst Farm, Dales Green, Harriseahead	Proposed agricultural dwelling at Brieryhurst Fm. Dales Green. Harriseahead.
N12162	D.P.Williams, 107, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	Dining Room extension at 107, Chatterley Dv. Kidsgrove.
N12163	A.H.& Mrs.G.M.Kirkham, 17, Tern Ave, Whitehill.	Extension of bungalow for bedrooms & larger Kitchen area at 17, Tern Ave, Whitehill.
N12164	Mr.Brattle, 38, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Proposed garage with canopy domestic use at 38, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N12166	Mr.N.Stanier, 107, Pennyfields Rd, Whitehill.	Erection of 2 dwellings with vehicular access to each plus a new vehicular access to the existing house at land adj 107, Pennyfields Rd, Whitehill.
N12167	P.Brereton, 29, Medina Way, Whitehill.	Erection of garage for car at 29, Medina Way Whitehill.
N12172	G.F.Isom, 19, Laburnam Close, Clough Hall, Kidsgrove.	4ft extension to existing garage to accommodate new toilet and cloaks area at 19, Laburnam Close, Kidsgrove.
N12183	J.L.Roberts, 246, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton.	4 Detached dwellings at Coalpit Hill Talke.
N12187	Mr.I.Evans, 3, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	2 Storey extension to S.E. of existing dwelling to be kitchen, 2 Bed & Garage. at 3, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N12189	G.Hawkins, 12, Tern Ave, Kidsgrove.	Porch/Kitchen/Garage Extension for Domestic use at 12 Tern Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N12190.	K.Spencer Esq., 4, Moorland Rd, Mow Cop.	Demolition of 2 existing cottages and erection of private residence and garage at 114, Mow Cop Road, Newcastle.
N12191	Mr.M.Dqbal, 37, Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove.	Extension to form dining room and erection of building to form garage at 37, Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove.
N12206	E.Fawkes, 34, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Proposed extensions forming Dining Room, Porch at, 34, Hillside Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N12207	Mr.& Mrs.Carpenter, 17A, Crown Bank, Talke.	Garage & Carport at 17A, Crown Bank, Talke.
N12209	Mr.J.Bullock, 20, Unity Way, Talke.	Kitchen extension at 20, Unity Way, Talke.
N12217	Mr.H.Garner, 52, Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.	Construction of single storey attached garage & Porch Primarily to house Private car at 52, Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12221	Mr. T. Brice 73, Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Garage/Front Porch at 73, Spey Drive. Whitehill.
N12230	Barclays Bank PLC 54, Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH	Installation of Barclaybank IBM 3624 Cash Dispenser at Barclays Bank PLC, 147, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12231	Mr. D. Smith, 18, Medina Way, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen/Dining/Porch Extension to dwelling at 18, Medina Way, Whitehill.
N12234	Mr. J. Hammonds, 7, Tamar Road, Whitehill.	Garage at 7, Tamar Road, Whitehill.
N12256	Mr. D. Lawton, 108, Stonebank Road, Kidsgrove.	Change of use to part of premises to Aquarist Retail Shop and Equipment at 6, Hardingswood Rd, Kidsgrove.
N12264	International Computers Westfields, West Ave; Kidsgrove. ^{Ltd.}	Water & Compressed Air Supply Facility for adj Factory & Offices at Westfields, West Ave, Kidsgrove.
N12265	Mr. S. Baddeley, 24, Pickwick Place, Butt Lane.	Extension to form additional Bedrooms & Garage at 24, Pickwick Place, Butt Lane.
N12267.	Mr. D. Tipper, 43, Derby Road, Talke.	Conservatory at 43, Derby Road, Talke.
N12249	Mr. C.G.L. Smith, 101, Church Street, Butt Lane.	Bedroom over New Kitchen & Bathroom at 101, Church Street, Talke.

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<u>Vo.No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
86.	758902	Newcastle Boro.	50.00
87.	903	Petty Cash	16.28
88.	904	Mrs.V.Hallam	132.98
89.	905	Mr.C.T.Aucott	146.50
90.	906	Inland Revenue	63.12
Total Schedule 4. Jan 83 to March 83.			2659.73.
" 3. Oct.82 to Dec 82.			1049.94.
" 2. Jly 82 to Sep. 82			1346.59
" 1. Apl 82 to June 82			1270.18
Total Payments for year			<u><u>26326.44.</u></u>

3) GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS. for the Financial Year ended 31st March 1983.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>£</u>
Victoria Hall Lettings	4386.68	Victoria Hall	1624.71
Allotments	255.00	Bowls & Allotments	68.18
Bowls	38.00	Subscriptions	45.00
Interest	128.29	Performing rights	89.68
Day phone	95.90	Employees	2975.72
V.A.T.	224.07	General Administration	1025.90
		Insurance	67.86
		Audit Fees	94.00
		V.A.T.	335.39
	<u>£5127.94.</u>		<u>£6326.44.</u>

CLERK TYPIST - WORKING HOURS.

Following her return from sick leave it was necessary for this officer in week ending 10th April 1983 to exceed her permitted four hours per week by one hour. Will you please authorise payment.

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ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT. - 19th May 1983.Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N.12299.	Miss.E.Keeling, 7, Powy Drive, Whitehill.	Sun Lounge & Cloakroom extension to serve existing dwelling house at 7, Powy Drive, Whitehill.
N12301	Mr.G.J.Stubbs, 7, Thames Drive, Biddulph	Storage site, Dove Bank off Lamb Street, Kidsgrove <u>Private Dwelling House.</u>
N12302	Allen Gillis, 63, Whitehill Road, Kidsgrove.	Extension of kitchen & Dining area, Provision of extra bedroom & Modified bathroom, Landing & front porch at 63, Whitehill Road, Kidsgrove.
N12305	Mr.H.Lake & Mr.R. Taylor, 6 & 8, Bank St, Rookery.	Demolition of existing outbuildings. Construction of kitchens & Bathrooms. Alts. to existing W.C. Construction Bay Windows at Nos. 6 & 8, Bank St, Rookery.
N12319	D.J.Stubbs, 9, Nelson Bldgs, Kidsgrove.	Retention of Garage site adj Ravenscliffe House, 2, Ravenscliffe Rd, Kidsgrove.
N12330	Mr.&Mrs.Rowley, 2, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.	Proposed alterations & Extensions to dwelling house at 2, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.
N12341	D.Williams, 67, Newbuildings, Knypersley	Proposed residential development at land off Crown Bank, Talke Pits.

FINANCE REPORT.1) Position of Account as at 31st March 1983.

<u>General Statment.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balances.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Brought fwd	2316.85	Bank current Acc (31.3.83)	521.56
Receipts	5127.94	less cheques issued but not presented	246.10
	<u>7444.79</u>		<u>275.46</u>
		Deposit Account	822.89
Payments	6326.44	In hand - Petty Cash	20.00
Final Balance	<u>£1118.35</u>		<u>£1118.35</u>

2) PAYMENTS MADE 1st January 1983 to 31st March 1983. Schedule No.4.

<u>Vo.No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
68.	333184	Initial Services	9.55
69	185	Municipal Mutual Insurance	67.86
70	186	Petty Cash	13.90
71	187	Councillor J.J.Beech	161.00
72	188	Stott Benham Ltd.,	32.18
73	189	Petty Cash	8.99
74.	190	Mrs.V.Hallam	131.21
75.	191	Mrs.E.Sherratt	21.29
76.	192	Inland Revenue	33.97
77.	193	Initial Services	9.55
78.	194	Petty Cash	18.44.
79.	195	Mrs.V.Hallam	132.99
80.	196	Inland Revenue	34.62.
81.	197	British Telecom	109.18
	198	Kidsgrove & Tunstall Comm Involvement Fund.	25.00
83.	199	Initial Services	9.55
84.	200	Worthington Bros.	1370.17
85.	752901	Petty Cash	11.40

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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Kidsgrove Town Council held at the Town Hall Kidsgrove on Thursday 19th May 1983.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C.M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell C.C F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt. D.Ward.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR.

The Town Council considered the election of Town Mayor for 1983/1984.

Resolved - That Councillor J.Lockett be appointed Town Mayor for 1983/84.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR.

The Town Council considered the election of Deputy Town Mayor for 1983/84.

Resolved - That Councillor J.Evans be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for 1983/84.

3. PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE.

The Town Mayor presented a past Town Mayor's Badge to Councillor J.J.Beech.C.C. thanking him for his term of office.

A further member thanked Councillor Beech for his term of office and for treating the chair in a fair and proper manner.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. A full Council being present -

There were no apologies for absence

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES. dated 31st March 1983.

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 31st March 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

There were no questions arising from minutes dated 31st March 1983.

6. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING (NEWCHAPEL SUBSIDENCE) 14th April 1983.

Resolved - That the report be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

A member said that subsidence is still recurring, a change in legislation at local level is needed. We must now pursue it at Newcastle. It is essential to have such a meeting to clear away myths and concentrate on facts.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

British Rail re: 14-22, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

The Railway adjoining the rear of the above properties has been inspected and it is evident that the only drainage which exists is that along the rear access footpath where there are grids to admit the entry of surface water from surrounding higher ground into the drain beneath the footpath. Conditions are very much as they have always been, but it is perhaps because the drain is not regularly maintained that surcharging occurs with resultant flooding into some of the properties.

In the case of No.14 a concrete slab has been laid across the footpath, the level of which is above the level of the brick paving and tarmac of the path. Surface water can build up against this slab and flow under the back yard door.

I think it would improve matters if the drain were properly maintained by the parties responsible, and if the concrete slab were removed.

Resolved:- to write again to the British Railways stating that the Council were disgusted with their reply. The flooding was actually coming off the land in the British Rail ownership and they should therefore accept the responsibility.

An assurance is given by the Borough Council that the drains are rodded on a regular basis. 6

This appears to be an ongoing issue, and surely demands certain works to be put in hand.

Newcastle Borough Council re: School Lane The road you refer to in your correspondence is in fact public footpath No.19 (Kingsgrove) as indicated on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. The path itself has never been fully made up with tarmac and the operation would be very expensive to do, it is more of the character of a rural footpath and of that class appears to be in a quite acceptable condition.

Resolved - To write to the Borough Council stating that their comments that the small Road in question was more of the character of a rural footpath was not acceptable. A member pointed out that the path is wide enough, and does in fact take vehicles. For example the library van regularly uses it, and the Council therefore dispute calling it a rural footpath.

It was further suggested that an officer of the Technical Services Department take a look at this path during the day time when it is extensively used by school children and parents alike.

It badly requires making up and the Council again reiterate their request that the Borough Council do this.

A Copy of both letters to the County Council.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 19th May 1983

Resolved:- That the report be received, and the following observations submitted to Newcastle Borough Council:-

NI2241 D. Williams,
67, Newbuildings,
Knypersley.

- Proposed residential development at land off
Crown Bank, Talke Pits.

A Council member questions if this development was in the Green Belt. If this is the case, then they would oppose it.

9. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- The following three statements presented by the Finance Officer be approved.

i) The statement of the Council's account at the year end 31st March 1983 showing a final balance of £1118.35, and with the distribution of such balance.

ii) The Schedule of payments No.4, for the three months period 1st January 1983 to 31st March 1983 amounting to £2659.73.

iii) The Summary of the "Receipts" and "Payments" items for the twelve months ended 31st March 1983 amounting to £5127.94. and £6326.44. respectively.

CLE TYPIST - Working Hours.

Resolved that payment for one additional hour in week ending 10th April 1983 be approved. It was also agreed that although this officer's normal hours continue to be Four per week, nominal additional hours be permitted in exceptional circumstances without reference to Council.

10. RENTS, FEES & CHARGES, resolution 57.14/10/82.

Resolved - To put on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

11. COMMUNITY PROGRAMME.

The Chairman of Council J.J.Beech reported that consideration and possible implementation could be achieved after consultation with the County Council who run these schemes direct with the co-operation with local Town Council's. He would make arrangements to meet a representative from the County Council to discuss this, and a report will be given at the next Town Council Meeting.

12. ALLOTMENT MEETING.

Resolved - To hold an allotment meeting on June 16th 1983. Meeting to be held after the Town Council Meeting.

Allotment Secretaries to be informed by letter, requesting all tenants to be invited.

13. MANDATE CHEQUE SIGNATURES.

Resolved:- The mandate cheque signatures to be as follows:- Councillor J.J.Beech, Councillor H.Dunning and Councillor P.Forster.

14. BIRCHALL BOWLS COMPETITION 1983.

Resolved:- To once again hold the Birchall Bowls competition. Rules and Regulations as before, but the entrance fee 60 pence.

15. TREE STUMP THIRD AVENUE, KIDSGROVE.

A member drew the Council's attention to the Tree Stump within the grass verge in Third Avenue,

It was reported that the tree stump is approximately 6" high and is a dangerous obstruction to pedestrians. There have been complaints from residents who have fallen, or witnessed people falling over this. Had this been left twelve or eighteen inches high it was stated it would have been easily visible, and far less dangerous.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Recreation and Amenities Department.

16. CONDITION OF FOOTBALL PITCH.

A member reported that the Football team at the Labour Club, Kidsgrove had only played 6 out of 17 games because of the poor condition of the football pitch. They had had to pay out £45. to play elsewhere to get their fixtures finished.

Resolved:- To report to the Borough Council to ascertain if some concession could be made to the club.



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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 16th JUNE 1983.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12349	Mr. J. Jackson 9 Townfield Close, Butt Lane.	Extension to form additional bedroom & shower room ext. to garage & Forming porch at 9 Townfield Close.
N12361	Mr. D. Tipper 43 Derby Road, Talke.	Conservatory at 43 Derby Road, Talke
N12367	Mrs. A. Cooper 30 High Street, Rookery.	Dwelling House & Garage at High St. Rookery.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 16th JUNE 1983

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12375	Mr.B.Lines, 38, Lynn Ave, Talke.	Bedroom/Lounge Extension at 38, Lynn Ave, Talke.
N12376	Mr.M.Prosser, 33, High Street, Newchapel.	Pair of semi-detached houses, double garage and parking facility for six vehicles at 22/26, High Street, Newchapel. <u>see amended pla</u>
N12382	W.E.Taylor Esq., 57, Sands Road, Harriseahead	Alteration to roof to form attic bedroom at 57, Sands Road, Harriseahead.
N12384	V.Colclough, 30, Lynn Avenue, Talke.	Change from waste ground to rural garden at waste land rear of 30, Lynn Avenue, Talke.
N12385	E.Boothe, 40, Harriseahead Lane, Harriseahead.	Front Porch at 40, Harriseahead Lane, Harrisea
N12388	Malcolm Copley, Rookery Farm House, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Cold Storage Units at Slaughter House Newchapel Road, Rookery.
N12398	P.Shaw, 8, Hardings Row, Mow Cop.	Alteration to dwelling house & garage at 8, Hardings Row, Mow Cop.
N12402	S.M.Bond, 76, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel.	Double Garage 24' x 20' to garage two cars at 76, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel.
N12399	Mr.Brookes, 258, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Games Room & Bedroom Extension at 258, Congletc Road, Butt Lane.
N12403	Mr.H.Shropshire, 16, Clough Hall Road, Kidsgrove.	Extension to kitchen, lounge and bedroom, garage & utility room at 16, Clough Hall Road, Kidsgrove.
N12408	Mr.J.Mountford, 22, Lichfield Road, Talke.	Conservatory at 22, Lichfield Road, Talke.
N12417	Copley M.A. Rookery Farm, Kidsgrove.	Staircase outside as previous application N10984 Rookery Farm.

FINANCE REPORT.

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 1st June 1983.

<u>General Position.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance.</u>	<u>£</u>
B/Fwd	1118.35	Bank current Acc (1.6.83)	679.07
Receipts	1109.20	add credits not included	<u>191.25</u>
	<u>2227.55</u>	less cheques not presented	<u>870.32</u>
Payments	<u>825.59.</u>		<u>311.25.</u>
Current Balance	<u>£1401.96.</u>	Bank deposit Acc	559.07
		In hand petty cash	822.89
			<u>20.00</u>
			<u>1401.96.</u>

2. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNT.

I have to report an outstanding account of £25. for the hire of the Victoria Hall on 2nd Nov 1982. A verbal request, a copy account and then a demanding letter in March all failed to secure payment although the Company concerned stated in a letter dated 23th March '83 they could do their utmost to clear the account within two or three weeks. If you feel it would be uneconomic to institute proceedings for the amount involved I suggest a final demand be made and if this is unsuccessful you authorise the amount be written off.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH ALLOTMENT TENNANTS 16th June 1983.

Councillor J.Lockett in the Chair.

The Meeting commenced at 8.30p.m. The Chairman assured the tenants that the rumour that had been circulating that the Council intended to sell off the land was not true. It is just a rumour there is nothing in it. The Meeting was called for you to give information that the Council can digest.

A Tenant questioned the rents, he had heard rumours regarding the increase.

The Chairman said "Plans are in the pipeline for putting up the rents and will be discussed at the next Meeting, I cannot guarantee they will or will not be raised. I suggest you wait and see and not listen to rumours."

The Tenants then raised various matters regarding:-

AMB. STREET ALLOTMENTS.

- 1) Lamb Street presents a very shoddy view.
- 2) It is a Dumping Ground.
- 3) The tenants are asked to cut the hedge, some are O.A.P's and unable to do it.
- 4) There is a need for water, (Concern was expressed to the positioning)
- 5) They badly require a path through the centre as a main access to all the allotments.
- 6) A chain link fence around the perimeter.

The hedge the Council planted was a failure. Councillor Beech agreed it was a waste of time.

TALKE PITS CROWN BANK ALLOTMENTS.

A Request was made for a No Tipping Sign.

There are no gates so these allotments are open to vandalism.

Again there is a need for water, but it was felt that water would become a playground for children and more vandalism Unless the allotments are fenced off with a gate at each end that can be locked and each tenant allowed a key. It was felt this would cut out a lot of problems at Crown Bank.

A tenant suggested that the Town Council cost these proposals to see how much it would take, then consult the tenants again about the rents.

In summing up Councillor J.J.Beech said - What we have to do now is accept what the Town Mayor has suggested. The Council at their next meeting will look at the ramifications. We will then call another meeting. We have followed this policy in the past, and intend to do it in the future. Wait and see what the proposals are.

The Meeting closed at 9p.m. the Chairman thanking the tenants for attending.



KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

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Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 19th May 1983

Resolved - That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th May 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

There were no questions arising from minutes dated 19th May 1983

19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 16th June 1983

Resolved - That the report be received, and the following observations submitted to Newcastle Borough Council:-

N12376. Mr.M.Prosser, - Pair of semi detached houses, double garage
33, High Street, and parking facility for six vehicles at 22/26,
Newchapel. High Street, Newchapel.

A member reported that this application would limit the garden opposite. The Council went on to discuss this and resolved - To oppose the application on the grounds of insufficient space about the dwellings.

N12384 V.Colclough, - Change from waste ground to rural garden at
30, Lynn Avenue, waste land rear of 30, Lynn Ave, Talke.
Talke.

The Town Council discussed this application at length, the problem of encroachment being long standing and ongoing.

The Council are looking for movement to cure this problem, and would therefore ask the Borough Council Officers to look at this situation in full.

20. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Official Notice from the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St.Thomas Kidsgrove being liable under Section 215 Section (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to maintain the Churchyard now under Subsection (2) serve notice on the Town Council requiring them to be responsible for the maintenance.

Resolved:- To serve notice on the Newcastle Borough Council requiring them to be responsible for the maintenance.

British Rail re: 12/22, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

I note your opinions expressed, but the fact is that no works have been carried out on the Board's property which would give rise to an increase in the quantity of surface water running onto adjoining lower land.

If the flooding problem has arisen only since last winter, it is obvious that the drainage system which has been adequate for so many years, has partially failed, or has had more connections made which cause surcharging, but as this system is outside the Board's property I suggest that you continue to press the matter with the Borough Council.

Resolved - To again write to the British Rail stating This is an ongoing problem and the Council feel there must be a solution. To this end they request that a representative from the British Rail attend a Council Meeting to discuss this matter. The problem is not going to go away on its own, and they feel it would be beneficial to hear and discuss points of view.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Bathpool Park Football Pitches.

Recreation and Amenities - I have already notified the Football Club concerned that I cannot agree to a rebate on the hire fee for the above pitches. As you will appreciate, weather conditions cannot be guaranteed and during the period of this past season, the rainfall has been more than twice the national average.

A member reported that it is a particularly bad pitch, and every effort is being made to allocate another pitch.

Newcastle Borough Council re Tree Stump 3rd Avenue, Kidsgrove.

This stump together with many others is to be stump chipped and it is highly likely that by the time you receive this reply it will have been removed. The point that the stump would have been better left as a higher level is noted and is the general practice. However, in this instance it was anticipated the chipping would take place sooner than it has.

Noted.

21. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Statement of Accounts.

The Finance Officer presented the Accounts position as at 1st June 1983 showing Receipts and Payments and the distribution of the balance.

Resolved - The statment as presented and showing a current balance of £1401.96 be approved.

Outstanding Account.

It was reported that an account of £25. for a letting by Ballets Minerva of Wembley Middsx. in November 1982 remained unpaid.

Resolved - The organisation be served with a final demand intimating legal proceedings would follow and the Finance Officer to report back.

Fees and Charges.

The Council leader stated the Financial Officer had suggested an increase in the order of 20% should be considered on all Victoria Hall Lettings.

Resolved - The proposals should be circulated to all members for consideration at the next meeting.

22. COMMUNITY PROGRAMME.

Following a Meeting with the County Council representative for the above, the Town Council leader J.J.Beech suggested that the Council accept a Community Programme.

The question of Trade Union Rates is important. We do not want a form of cheap labour The Trade Union movement and NALGO have looked at it, and I suggest we accept for a period of 12 months.

23. PUBLIC FOOTPATH (The Meadows to the Avenue Kidsgrove)

A member reported the hazardous conditions that exist for Senior Citizens walking from The Meadows Flats to the Avenue. Being fenced off as it is it represents a danger hazard to residents in that area.

Resolved - To ask the Borough Council to investigate. The Council believe it is a problem to fence off a footway, and certainly detrimental to residents of that area.

24. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported that comments in the press by the Chairman of the Newcastle Branch of the C.A.B. implied the Kidsgrove Bureau was less busy, less important and less useful than Newcastle. Kidsgrove may be less busy than Newcastle if you look at it purely in terms of the number of inquiries dealt with. But Newcastle is five times the size of Kidsgrove so in fact proportionally it is actually the least busiest of the two.

A further member reported that more than 350 cases were dealt with each month at Kidsgrove from a wide area plus the legal system. I cannot speak too highly of the work they do she said.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Council formally record its appreciation of the work done by the Kidsgrove Citizens Advice Bureau.

25. PAVEMENT, VALENTINE ROAD, KIDSGROVE.

A member pointed out that Railway sleepers form part of this pavement. These wooden sleepers are broken and uneven, and he hoped that this pavement would be improved when the new traffic proposals were implemented.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Technical Services Department, questioning if in fact this pavement would be improved at the said time.

26. GAS BOARD ROAD WORKINGS.

A member reported that the Gas Board had Road Works underway in Butt Lane/Church Street, and Congleton Road. These road works have been left half finished and workmen commenced in The Avenue, Kidsgrove.

The area mentioned is particularly busy and traffic is congested with the Road narrowing from the Millstone to the Traffic Lights.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Gas Board stating that the Council are concerned with this potential road hazard, and with the work left half finished, and requesting it be given immediate attention.

Copy of the letter to Newcastle Borough Council.

27. SPRING HEAD PLAYING FIELDS, TALKE PITS.

A member reported that the fence was again broken down. This is particularly hazardous enabling children to run down the path onto the main road. In fact an accident of this nature was reported.

A further member reported that to his knowledge the fence had been repaired three times in the past and torn down, because it is a short cut to the chip shop. It should be replaced with something more substantial.

A suggestion was made that a steel rail fence is needed. wire mesh being of no use at all here.

The head of Council pointed out that the County Council are pruning wherever possible, and they cannot replace whenever a fence comes down with iron railings.

Resolved:- To write to the Chief Education Officer reporting the matter and requesting that the County Council again repair or replace with something other than wire meshing.

28. HEDGEROWS OVERHANGING PUBLIC FOOTPATH, NELSON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

A member reported that the overgrown hedges on the Nelson Industrial Estate, West Avenue are forcing people to walk in the Road, and are therefore a dangerous hazard.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Technical Services Department. Newcastle Borough Council.

29. FOOTPATH, LINLEY ROAD.

A member reported that Linley Road cottages had not had a footpath there for a considerable time. The footpath was taken up and left in a state. There are a few Senior Citizens living there, and the Council should look to do something with this path.

Enquiries revealed Footpath not classed as Public right of way, part in private ownership with established use. Majority of path in Congleton. Not on definitive map - no maintenance agreement.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 14th JULY 1983.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12426	R.B. Lawton 2 Nursery Road, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent.	Continuation of existing permission for pottery storage at The Mill, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12446	Mr. C. Toole 9 Hazel Close, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Detached garage at 9 Hazel Close, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION AT YOUR LAST MEETING THE PRESENT CHARGES TOGETHER WITH A 20% INCREASE ARE SET OUT BELOW FOR CONSIDERATION.

	PRESENT CHARGE.	THE CHARGES IF LIFTED BY 20%
<u>HIRE OF HALL.</u> - including use of kitchen and refreshment room.	£.	£.
Mondays to Thursday inclusive	25.00 per day	30.00 per day
Fridays or Saturdays	35.00 "	42.00 "
 <u>EXTRAS.</u>		
Bar.	5.00	6.00
Amplifier/Public Address System	-	5.00 proposed charge with new system
Cups and Saucers only	2.50.	3.00
Crockery - full range	5.00	6.00
 <u>ANTE ROOMS.</u>		
<u>Members Room and Refreshment Rooms</u>		
Private Meetings	2.00	2.40.
Private parties semi commercial and commercial	flexible scale of 5.00 to 10.00	6.00 to 12.00

The Commercial use charge for the Hall is considered separately. It is suggested the present deposit on the Hall of £10.00 be increased to £15.00.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

- a) The charges were last increased in October 1980 since when running costs have risen nearly 40%
- b) i) The anticipated income from lettings this year represents only 25% of the expenditure.
- ii) The remaining 75% subsidy is met by the free $\frac{1}{2}$ p. Rate and the Precept.
- iii) If the proposed charges are applied, the income, in a full year would reduce the deficit charge to the Precept Account by about £900.
- c) If the charges are amended, it is suggested they be applied to all lettings with effect from 1st October 1983.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 14th JULY 1983.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
SM/12233	<u>Staffs Morland District Council.</u> Mercury Communications Ltd. 90, Long Acre, London. WC2E 9NP	Erection of 3 Aerial dish antennae on existing aerial, Equipment Building, Alterations to existing Radio Building and erection of Oil Storage Tank and Screen Wall at Pye Telecommunications site, Castle Road, Mow Cop.
N10277D(1)	A.F. Budge (Contractors) Ltd., West Carr Road, Retford, Notts.	Exploratory drilling to establish the stability of the site Trubshaw Farm, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
N12455	Staffordshire County Council, Countryside Sub-Committee,	Land reclamation scheme for agricultural after use, Jamage Farm, Talke Road, Red Street.
N12465	R.K. Boniface, 14, Maryhill Close, Kidsgrove.	Two storey extension forming dining room & Bedroom, Lounge Extension/Porch at 14, Maryhill Close, Kidsgrove.
N12466	Mr. D. Taylor, 24A, Church Street, Butt Lane.	Two storey extension to dwelling house, Kitchen with bedroom and Bathroom over at 24A, Church Street, Butt Lane.
N12494	Mr. D. Smith, 18, Medina Way, Whitehill.	Kitchen/Dining Extension to dwelling at 18, Medina Way, Whitehill.
N12502	Mrs. R. Hassell, 77, First Ave, Kidsgrove.	Bedroom & Bathroom suite for handicapped person at 77, First Ave, Kidsgrove.
N12509	Mr. S. Bath, Hillcrest, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane	1st floor bedroom extension at Hillcrest, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) Statement of Accounts as at 1st July 1983

<u>General Position</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance</u>	<u>£.</u>
Brought forward.	1118.35	Bank current A/C (1/7/83)	459.22
Receipts	1548.00	Bank Deposit A/C	822.89
	<u>2666.35.</u>	In hand petty cash	20.00
Payments	1364.24.		
Current Balance	<u>1302.11.</u>		<u>1302.11</u>

2) Outstanding Account (Res 21. 16/6/83)

Following your last meeting the Ballets Minerva were served a final demand and also informed that the Arts Council would be notified.

The Artistic Director has now replied that planned work for the Summer has not materialised and the Company has had to close until the Autumn. They apparently have no assets and are trying to avoid bankruptcy so the clearance of any debts is remote at the present time.

He further states his Productions Company has nothing to do with the Arts Council and although presumptuous asks for the Council's patience again until the Autumn.

10. SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

11. FINANCE OFFICER.

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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 14th July 1983.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, B.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, J.Lockett, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- S.Hadgett, A.W.Hopkins, D.J.Pettit.

31. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 16th June 1983.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 16th June 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

32. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 16th June 1983.

min 29. FOOTPATH LINLEY ROAD. - A member pointed out that the complaint actually referred to the Highway footpath (footway) and was therefore a matter for the Highways Technical Services Department.

33. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH ALLOTMENT TENNANTS 16th June 1983.

Resolved:- That the report be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 14th July 1983 and resolved that no observations be forwarded to Newcastle Borough Council. However the following application was discussed at length:-

S/ML2233 Staffs Morland District Council.

Mercury Communications Ltd.,
90, Long Acre,
London WC2 E 9NP

- Erection of 3 Aerial dish antennae on existing aerial, Equipment Building, Alterations to existing Radio Building and erection of Oil Storage Tank and Screen Wall at Pye Telecommunications site, Castle Road, Mow Cop.

A member stated that this extension would be an obtrusive landmark on the skyline of the Green Belt. It is the second or third extension and is therefore ongoing. The Council should oppose most strongly.

To this a member stated - It is already there. It does not seriously endanger the amenities of the area. Planning permission was granted in the first place. A vote was taken and the Council resolved Not to oppose.

35. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

West Midlands Gas. Mainlaying Operations - Butt Lane.

The Works in Church Street, Butt Lane are being carried out in conjunction with our mains renewal policy. As you are aware, Church Street is open to one-way traffic and therefore we would not consider this to cause any problems regarding traffic congestion. The team engaged in these operations have recently been moved from site to repair a main in The Avenue, Kidsgrove that was damaged by British Telecom. while carrying out excavation works. Unfortunately the repairs to our plant took longer than anticipated, and therefore it was necessary to close down our operations in Church Street. We intend to resume following the Potters Holidays.

Regarding our works in Congleton Road, Butt Lane, these operations were initiated by a public reported gas escape which revealed the main to be at an advanced stage of corrosion. It therefore became necessary to renew a 50 m section to alleviate the problem. The mainlaying operations are now complete but the service renewals/transfers have yet to be started. It is proposed to carry out and complete during the next 2 weeks.

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Noted.

The Secretary reported the contents of a letter from Mrs.M.Bell of 85, High Street, Talke Pits. addressed to Councillor J.J.Beech.

Driveway between 85 and 87 High Street, Talke Pits.

The letter reported the nuisance experienced through inadequate fencing around the Playground. The fence being broken down, children and residents from the Council estate use her drive as a short cut to shops etc.,

The letter was signed by nine residents of that area.

The letter states that residents just experience abuse when they complain to the offenders.

A member stated the complaint regarding the broken fence has been taken up. The Kidsgrove Police have been informed. The repair of the fence should cure most of the problem of people coming inbetween. The residents would like to see the swings moved from that particular area.

A further member stated that the problem was of long standing. We are very short of play areas. The Staffs Education Committee cannot or will not move them.

Resolved;- To again write to the Chief Education Officer reporting the problems the residents of the area are experiencing, and stating that the repair or replacement of the broken down fence would cut out many of the nuisance instances reported.

A Copy of the letter sent to the Architects Department.

Newcastle Borough Council re: St.Thomas' Churchyard, Kidsgrove.

My Council will take responsibility for the Churchyard three months from the date of your letter (17th June 1983) and I intend to report this matter to my Council's Recreation & Amenities Committee at their September meeting.

I will be writing to the Trustees of the Churchyard seeking further information with regard to the matter and will also deal with them on all other matters.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Footpath along Meadows Road, Kidsgrove.

I refer to your letter dated 29th June and would inform you that discussions were held on Thursday of last week with Mr.Boulton of Meadows Road Garage. It is hoped that I can report to the next meeting of the relevant Committee of my Council with an agreed solution. This will involve the exchange of land at the front of Mr.Boulton's garage, which is in his ownership, and the land to the side and rear of his garage, which is owned by my Council.

I trust this will provide a solution to the lang standing problem.

Resolved - To thank the Borough Council for this information.

Mr.W.G.Jones, of 46, Whitehall Avenue, Kidsgrove.

Allotment on King Street. It has taken me two years to get rid of weeds, dock etc., now the land adjoining my allotment is overgrown with dock to 5ft high. Could you get someone to cut same as soon as possible.

Resolved; To write to Mr.Jones whilst the Council appreciate his problems regarding the adjoining allotment they cannot send someone from the Council to cut down the weeds as requested. It is up to the individual tenants to keep the land free from weeds and in a good state of cultivation.

To further state that the Council are looking at the problems of allotment tenants, and his letter will be borne in mind.

36. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Statement of Accounts.

The Finance Officer presented the Accounts position as at 1st July 1983 showing Receipts and Payments and the distribution of the balance.

Resolved: The statement as presented and showing a current balance of £1302.11 be approved.

Outstanding Account.

Following the serving of a final demand to the Ballets Minerva, it was reported the Artistic Director had replied the Company had no assets and requested the Council's patience until the Autumn.

Resolved: The Company be informed that payment would be awaited in the Autumn, but if the settlement was not forthcoming the amount of £25.00 be written off.

Fees and Charges - Victoria Hall, Lettings.

Resolved:- The proposed scale as presented and showing a general all round increase of 20% be approved and that it be implemented with effect from 1st October 1983 but with the limited exceptions as follows:-

That no change in letting fee be applied to the following:-

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Senior Citizens Groups and Meetings.
Tuffy Club,
Disabled Groups.

37. SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

Resolved that the nomination of School Governor representatives be deferred until the next Meeting.

38. RESIGNATION OF FINANCE OFFICER.

The Secretary reported that Mr.C.T.Aucott had given a months notice to terminate his appointment as the Council's Finance Officer.

Councillor J.J.Beech said that Mr.Aucott had been contentious, diligent and hard working, and on behalf of the Town Council he thanked him for a job well done.

Resolved: Instead of re-advertising the post to ask the previous applicants if they were interested in the post, and to inform the local job centre.

39. SLAUGHTERHOUSE, RAVENSCLIFFE ROAD.

A member reported his concern, and fears expressed by residents in the Ravenscliffe Road area regarding the slaughterhouse. Because of its close proximity to houses and bungalows, and because of the very narrow road it has been controversial for many years, and last year business ceased, apparently because the owner was refused a licence to operate until certain repairs were carried out. These repairs are going ahead and it is believed that a licence will be applied for in order that business may be resumed.

Resolved:- To write to the Director of Housing and Health stating that the Town Council would ask that no decision be taken by the Borough Council until the Environmental Health Committee meet again and certain facts put forward.

To further state that the Town Council were of the opinion that the Borough Council should be asked to purchase the property, and then find an alternative use for it.

40. PUBLIC SEATS.

A member reported the shortage of public seats in the Kidsgrove and District area. It is generally felt that Kidsgrove is getting a raw deal in this respect. Particularly in view of the population figures of 25,000 and it was resolved to:-

Ask the Borough Council that a fair proportion be allocated to this area.

41. OVERGROWN HEDGES & TREES.

A member reported the overgrown state of trees and hedges on Oak Tree Lane, Talke. These are now encroaching on the pavement and are a dangerous hazard.

Resolved to report the matter to Newcastle Borough Council requesting that the hedges be cut to alleviate this problem

42. POST BOX

A member reported that complaints had been received from Senior Citizens living on Newcastle Road, Talke, because whenever they wish to post a letter they have to cross the very busy main road (A34)

This has become a problem since the post office was moved, and it was resolved to ask the General Post Office if it is possible to place a post box at the bottom of Swan Close, Talke to alleviate this problem.

43. M.E.B. SUB STATION 94/8/100.

A member reported that M.E.B.Sub Station 94/8/100 Lyn Avenue, Talke is causing concern. It is possible to see over this to the internal workings, and young people can get over it to fetch balls.


It was resolved to put the question to the Board - Is the sub station in question safe in its present condition. If not, could a capping or similar be put on it to render it safe?

John Lockett

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 8th SEP 1983

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant.	Development.
N640A	Mr.Zajma, 5, Moorland Cres. Dimsdale, Newcastle.	City signs Ltd., proposed illuminated shopfront sign at 12, Heathcote Street, Kidsgrove.
N12504	County Social Services Comm: Foregate Street, Stafford.	Home for Elderly at land on West side Beech Drive, Kidsgrove.
N12514	Rowleys Pies, Cedar Avenue, Butt Lane, Kidsgrove.	Use as Bakery, frozen food production and ancillary retail area at Former Halle Models, West Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N12520	R.D.Lythgore, 11, Park Avenue, Kidsgrove.	Garage and Entrance Porch at 11, Park Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N12522	Mr & Mrs.Bailey, 12, Fords Lane, Mow Cop.	Kitchen /Bathroom extension at 12, Fords Lane, Mow Cop
N12523	Mr.S.Harding, 102, Ravenscliffe Road, Kidsgrove.	Games room for existing house 102, Ravenscliffe Road, Kidsgrove
N12530	United Co operatives Ltd., Wood House, Etruria Road, Hanley.	100 Bedroomed Motel & construction of new link road at Oaktree Lane Talke Road, Talke.
N12534	Eric Alcock, 9, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.	Shop extension into storage area at 9, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N12541	Mr.Taberner, 217/221, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Alterations & Extensions to Dwelling 217/221, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12542	K.Fryer, 19, Powy Drive, Whitehill	Garage & Utility Room extension at 19, Powy Drive, Whitehill
N12543	Mr.&.Mrs.A.Crutchley, 36, Swan Close, Talke Pits.	L ft Conversion to existing Domestic bungalow 36, Swan Close Talke Pits.
N12545	P.Glover, 8, Hayhead Close, Whitehill	Garage Extension at 8, Hayhead Close, Whitehill
N12565	Newcastle Borough Council. 	Outline permission Proposed Sports Pavilion/Car Park land off Beech Drive, Kidsgrove.

N638A	United Co-operatives Ltd., Wood House, Etruria Road, Hanley.	Hoarding 3m sq. at Oaktree Lane, Talke. 21
N12569	Mr.A.Darlington, 12, Pickwick Place, Butt Lane.	Extension to form new garage and bedroom & extend existing bedroom at 12, Pickwick Place Butt Lane.
N12570	Mr.P.Alcock, 21, Rydal Way, Alsager	Alterations to convert existing dwelling to Hairdressing salon at 3, The Avenue, Kidsgrove.
N12571	M.Leese, 276, Liverpool Road, Newcastle	Change of use from Public House to house & Antique shop at 3, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12573	Mr.G.Bates, 97, Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Construct attached garage at 97, Spey Drive. Whitehill
N12587	D.S.Bryan, 55, Dartmouth Street, Burslem.	alteration & extension to domestic property at 58, High Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
N12591	Alsager Printing Co.Ltd., Fields Road, Alsager	Change of use to Printing works at Old School Kitchens, First Avenue, Butt Lane. <u>(further information attached)</u>
N12589	Mr.Degg, 52, Dower Ash Road, Kidsgrove.	Building extension to form storm porch & conversion of wabs house/coal house to form garage at 52, Lower Ash Road, Kidsgrove.
N12596	Mr.R.Sproston, 8, Target Close, Talke.	Garage and Porch at 8, Target Close, Talke Pits.
N12599	Mr.A.Tellwright, 15, Sycamore Close, Clough Hall. Kidsgrove.	Private Garage for car only at 15, Sycamore Close, Kidsgrove.
N12602	A.Gallimore, 32, Alderhay Lane, Rookery.	Change of use of first floor to sun bed use and beauty salon at Shades, 5, High Street, Harriseahead.
N12604	Mr.L.Key, Greenacres Farm Holly Lane, Harriseahead.	Utility & W.C.Extension at Greenacres Farm Holly Lane, Harriseahead.
N12609	G.Simpson, 26, Milton Crescent, Talke.	Garage Extension at 26, Milton Crescent, Talke.
N12616	Mr.J.Bainbridge, 14, Peckforton View Kidsgrove.	Kitchen extension Utility Room, Garage at 14, Peckforton View, Kidsgrove.
N12624	Mr.G.P.Minshull, 20, Somerset Avenue, Kidsgrove.	Garage & Porch Extension at 20, Somerset Ave, Kidsgrove.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT - 8th SEPTEMBER 1983.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N646A	Ansells Ltd., Aston Brewery, Birmingham.	6 Ansells swan neck lighting brackets at The Plough Inn, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N12632	W.C.Summerscales, 27, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.	Pitched roof extension to form bedroom/en suite shower room. at 27, Weir Grove, Kidsgrove.
N12636	Mr.A.Sim, 36, Ettiley Ave, Ettiley Heath, Sandbach	House extension at 27, Dales Green, Mow Cop.
N12641	Mr.M.Prosser, 33, High Street, Newchapel.	Pr. semi detached houses & garages at 22/26, High Street, Newchapel.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) PAYMENTS MADE 1st APRIL 1983 to 30th JUNE 1983 - SCHEDULE No.1.

<u>Vo.No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
1.	758907	Petty Cash	13-92
2.	908	Initial Services	9-55
3.	909	Mrs.E.Sherratt	33-28
4.	910	Mrs.V.Hallam.	163-95
5.	911	Inland Revenue	47-27
6.	912	P.C.K.Davies	5.00
7.	913	Initial Services	10.00
8.	914	Petty Cash	14.84
9.	915	Mrs.E.Sherratt	35.36
10.	916	Mrs.V.Hallam	175.05
11.	917	Inland Revenue	36.17
12.	918	Councillor J.Lockett	150.00
13.	919	British Telecom	111.88
14.	920	Municipal Mutual Insurance	19.32
15.	921	Initial Services	10.00
16.	922	F.Garner (Stationers)Ltd.	73.52
17.	923	Mrs.E.Sherratt	46.80
18.	924	Mrs.V.Hallam	169.65
19.	925	Mr.C.T.Aucott	155.00
20.	926	Inland Revenue	71.57
21.	927	Petty Cash	12.11
Total.			1364.24

2) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 25th AUGUST 1983.

<u>General Position</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance.</u>	<u>£.</u>
B/Fwd	1118.35	Bank current A/C(1/8/83)	777.36
Receipts	2577.06	add credits not included	657.85
	<u>3695.41</u>		<u>1435.21</u>
		less cheques not presented	515.10
			<u>920.11</u>
Payments	1932.41	Bank deposit A/C	322.89
		In hand Petty cash	20.00
	<u>£ 1763.00.</u>		<u>£ 1763.00.</u>

11. TOWN MEETING (Date)

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT.

The following report concerns the period from 15th JULY 1982 to the present date.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered 266 applications for planning consent, and has submitted their observations to the Borough Council on the most important.

The Town Council have been vigilant in dealing with planning applications, and in their observations to Newcastle Borough Council have pursued objections on behalf of the Town - Matters that would be detrimental to the environment of the area.

KIDSGROVE TOWN CENTRE - PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

This proposed scheme is in the pipeline, and involves traffic lights at two bad junctions. (The Avenue) (Long Row)
The Town Council will monitor over a six months period, and in the light of the results will make their observations to Newcastle Borough Council.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME.

This proposed scheme has been negotiated over the past three months with the County Council.
The scheme will be labour intensified, and will include work on Footpaths and other necessary tasks which will help to brighten up the Town.

MAIN DRAIN.

We are pleased to report that the Main Drain is being installed through the centre of Kidsgrove. This should alleviate many problems.

14/22 Liverpool Road.

With reference to the properties in Liverpool Road adjacent to the Railway. A site meeting will take place shortly between ourselves, Newcastle Borough Council and British Rail.

WARDEN ACCOMMODATION.

The Hollins Farm complex - This has been very important to the Town, and we do thank the contribution made by our Borough Councillors to its fruition.

Long Row is under way, and we hope to see development there in the near future.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 8th September 1983

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H. Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

TRIBUTE.

The Town Council stood in silent tribute to the late Mr.Stanley Evans. Mr.Evans had been a member of the Town Council 1948 - 1957 and appreciation was expressed for the work he did for the Town. The Council resolved to forward a letter of sympathy to Mrs.Evans.

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors:- J.Evans, D.Pettit J.Holdcroft.

45. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 14th JULY 1983

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th July 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

46. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 14th July 1983.

There were no questions arising from the minutes dated 14th July 1983.

47. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 8th September 1983 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to Newcastle Borough Council:-

N12504. County Social Services Comm. - Home for Elderly at land on West side of
Foregate Street, Beech Drive, Kidsgrove.
Stafford.

Bearing in mind the need for this amenity the Town Council wholeheartedly support this application.

N12530. United Co-operatives Ltd., - 100 Bedroomed Motel and Construction
Etruria Road, of new link Road at Oaktree Lane, Talke.Road,
Hanley. Talke.

The Town Council discussed this application at great length and resolved to support the application after a vote was taken. However, there is a proviso and that is that the Borough Council look carefully at the siting of the suggested new link road.

Fears that the new link road would cause traffic to back up. i.e., Traffic travelling North from the A500 Interchange to the lights at peak periods were expressed.

Suggestion that the empty garage on the Link Road be purchased, brought into the plan, then to realign Oak Tree Lane on to the A500 Interchange. To this suggestion the Council thought that the Co-op should bear the expense incurred.

A request was made that the Public right of way on the definitive map also be taken into account.

N638A. United Co-operatives Ltd., - Hoarding 3m. sq at Oaktree Lane, Talke.
Etruria Road, Hanley.

A member reported that this hoarding is there already, and the Council resolved to Oppose this and request that they be asked to remove it.

N12591 Alsager Printing Co.Ltd., - Change of use to Printing works at Old School
Fields Road, Alsager. Kitchens, First Avenue, Butt Lane.

The Town Council would oppose this application on the grounds that it is a residential area, and the noise this would generate would not be in keeping with a residential area.

N12641. Mr. M. Prosser,
33, High Street,
Newchapel.

- Pr. semi detached houses & garages at 22/26,
High Street, Newchapel.

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member reported that Mr. Prosser is already erecting garages. He commenced building without having permission. This practice the Council felt is not fair to others who are prepared to tow the line, and the Council would therefore request that an enforcement proceedings letter be sent regarding work already started.

They would also report the nuisance caused here by the parking of ice-cream vans, and staggered parking at the shop which creates tremendous traffic problems in that vicinity.

In view of the above comments they oppose this application.

48. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council. - Street Furniture.

I can assure you that the Kidsgrove area does receive its fair share of seats from within the Borough Council's revenue estimates, and that the deficiency if any only reflects the amount of vandalism which the street furniture receives.

In the past 12 months, no new seats have been purchased, all that has happened is that old seats have been combined where seats have been vandalised, and this has reduced the number of seats available.

It is hoped that some seats will be purchased this financial year, and I can assure you that Kidsgrove will receive an equal proportion of these relating to the population residing within the area.

A member stated that places have been marked out for seats outside the Meadows, Kidsgrove but they have never had them since it was built. In fact complaints from the residents have been received regarding the non existence of seats during the lovely Summer months, they would have liked to have sat outside.

There are no seats in the Town Centre itself, and it is alleged that seats removed for repair have been installed elsewhere outside the Kidsgrove area.

The Town Council were not satisfied with the explanation contained in the letter, and resolved to report the above comments and ask that a complete summary as to where seats are be given.

Midlands Electricity re: Lyn Avenue, Talke Substation.

We refer to your letter of 22nd July and note your concern about the unauthorised access to the above mentioned substation.

The substation has been inspected and the ease of access is attributable to the slope of the surrounding ground. However, arrangements will be made to deal with the loose copings on the wall and consideration given to increasing the effective height of the wall at the rear by the use of chain link fencing.

We would mention that the equipment within the substation is inherently safe, being totally metal enclosed and earthed. Indeed, in some parts of the country, such equipment is surrounded by very low fences which do nothing to prevent unauthorised access.

Noted

The Post Office. Stone on Trent. Post Box Request, Talke.

I have now as promised, had a survey carried out of posting box facilities in the Talke area.

From your proposed site to Talke Sub Post Office is a distance of only 1/10 of a mile the next nearest posting box being situated 4/10 mile away at the junction of Coalpit Hill and Chester Road. In rural areas the Post Office does not normally site posting boxes within a mile of each other and bearing this in mind I am afraid that I cannot justify the provision of an extra posting box. However, in view of the fact that pensioners need to either cross the busy A34 or to climb the rather steep Coalpit Hill to get to a posting box, I have instructed the postal staff at Kidsgrove Post Office to accept letters from pensioners whilst on delivery in the area.

As most pensioners have to cross the A34 to collect their pensions from Talke Sub Post Office may I suggest the possibility of a pedestrian crossing being provided in the vicinity.

Resolved:- To write and thank the Post Office very much for the facilities they are prepared to give to the Senior Citizens of the area i.e. The postal staff will accept letters from pensioners whilst on delivery in the area.

British Rail. re: 14-22, Liverpool Rd. Kidsgrove.

With ref to your letter 21st June, I am prepared to meet technical staff from the Borough Council on the site during normal working hours.

Resolved:- To inform the Borough Council of this letter and request that such a meeting be set up to include a member of the Town Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Slaughterhouse, Ravenscliffe Road, Kidsgrove.

A letter received from Mr.F.J.Rogers Director of Housing and Health details in full the history of the above Slaughterhouse, and in the penultimate paragraph of his letter states:-

You will appreciate, therefore, that Mr.Sutton has, in good faith, now substantially carried out the works required by the Council as a pre-requisite of the licence renewal as well as confirming his agreement to the Council's conditions.

Resolved:- To write to the Policy and Resources Committee stating that Newcastle have for many years followed the policy that Slaughterhouse premises are kept strictly away from residential areas, and the Kidsgrove Council would wish the same policy followed for their residents.

Staffordshire County Council re: Springhead Playing Fields, Talke Pits.

A letter from Staffordshire County Council's Architect states that his Building Inspector will be carrying out extensive investigations.

The Secretary reported a telephone conversation with the Architects Department stating the fence in question would be repaired Monday 22nd August 1983.

A member reported that the fence round the School Building was also being attended to.

49. FINANCE REPORT.

Payments:

Resolved - The schedule of Payments No.1. as presented for the period 1st April 1983 to 30th June 1983 and amounting to £1364.24. be approved.

Statement of Accounts:

Resolved - The statement as at 25th August 1983 and showing a balance of £1763.00 be approved.

National Pay Award:

It was reported there had been a National Pay Award under the National Joint Council Conditions of Service and Salaries for Local Government Officers with effect from 1st July 1983.

Resolved - That the award be passed on to the Council's Secretary and Clerk/Typist from the effective date.

Town Mayor's Charity Account:

Resolved - That the signature mandate for this account with the Co-operative Bank be amended to that of the present Mayor Councillor J.Lockett together with the Finance Officer Mr.C.T.Aucott.

Finance Officer - Vacancy:

Councillor J.J.Beech reported that the three applications received were not considered suitable and Mr.Aucott had agreed to continue in the post if required until 31st March 1984 when he would review his commitments.


Resolved - That Mr.C.T.Aucott be asked to continue and the situation be reviewed in the New Year.

50. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

Appointments to Kinnersley Memorial Junior School and Kidsgrove Group 1. Schools Governing Body.

resolved:- To put forward the following names:-

- Councillor Mrs.Sharron Williams 161, Whitehill Road, Whitehill, Kidsgrove - Kidsgrove Group 1.
- Councillor Martin K.Bentley 1, Tilewright Close, Whitehill, Kidsgrove & Group 1.
- Councillor Harold Dunning 11, Queens Gardens, Talke Pits - Kinnersley Memorial School Kidsgrove.

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51. TOWN MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICE.

It was reported that the Town Mayor's Chain of Office had not been engraved or any work done to it for many years. It badly required attention and bringing up to date.

Resolved:- To obtain estimates for the necessary work and updating.

52. COMMUNITY PROGRAMME.

Resolved:- To hold a Special Meeting to deal with suitable work under the above Scheme, and discuss same 22nd September 1983

53. CHURCHYARD. St. Thomas's Kidsgrove. / Attwood Street.

A member reported complaints and criticism both verbally and in the press regarding the very bad condition of the Churchyard at Attwood Street (particularly the top half) and the St. Thomas Churchyard. The latter only recently coming under the care of the Borough Council.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Borough Council stating that the problems will be alleviated if these are attended to next year.

54. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU.

A member reported that the Kidsgrove Bureau were applying for an additional case worker to visit the elderly and disabled of the district and asked for the Council's support.

Resolved:- Unanimously to send a letter of support for an additional case worker. Appreciation was also expressed for the work the Kidsgrove Citizens Advice Bureau is doing for the Town and District.

55. CROSSING AT BUTT LANE, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the danger that exists for pedestrians at the crossing. Pedestrians are having to look up most carefully to see if they can actually cross. Two accidents have been caused recently by cars parking in the immediate vicinity.

A petition with 200 signatures was reported from people in the area regarding this matter, and will be presented to the Borough Council.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council stating that the Council are looking for a way of making it a safer place to walk on and to this end they invite an official from the Borough Council to discuss it with them, at a future Meeting.

56. PARTIAL CENTRAL HEATED COUNCIL HOUSES, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the above Council properties who only have partial Central Heating. (No heaters upstairs)
The Senior residents of these properties have complained they are so cold in Winter they don't use the upstairs.

It was also stated that these people have a lot of hot water, and in fact run it away, so it appears feasible that more radiators could be accommodated.

Resolved:- To write to the Director of Housing and Health asking if in fact the Central Heating could be finished off on these properties.

57. HAZARDOUS PAVEMENT, NEWCHAPEL.

A member reported the pavement in Acasia Gardens, Newchapel as being filled with holes and very hazardous.

Resolved:- To report the matter to the Technical Services Dept: Newcastle Borough Council.

John Lockett

REPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMME MEETING HELD 22nd SEPTEMBER 1983.

PRESENT:- Councillor J.J.Beech in the chair.
Councillors - J.Lockett, P.Forster, D.Ward, J.Ellis, B.Redfern, S.Williams,
L.Burch, D.Pettit. H.Lench.

In opening the Meeting the Chairman said:- At this juncture we are looking at a Scheme to run for 12 months. There is enough work on the Allotments and Footpaths within the area.

The Meeting went on to discuss:-

ALLOTMENTS.

Lamb Street alone requires attention to the steep drop, should a child fall down the Council would be responsible. This needs attention and landscaping. Paths through the allotments need to be defined.

The Extrances. These need proper definition.

The Hedge at Lamb Street. This has been the subject of many complaints.

Kidsgrove Bank.

The allotment footpaths have disappeared through neglect.

FOOTPATHS IN GENERAL.

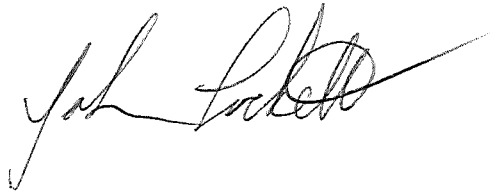
Most of the Footpaths are in need of attention.

The Borough Council could be approached with regard to Hardcore.

The Finance Officer reported the sum of £440 could be recovered from the County Council towards the repair of Footpaths.

RESOLVED:- To Present to the County Council SCHEME A i.e., The Work to be done on Allotments and Footpaths.

To at a later stage adopt SCHEME B i.e., Internal work at Community Centres.



TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 20th OCTOBER 1983Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N.650A.	United Co-operatives Ltd., Hanley.	3m.square Hoarding at Oaktree Lane, Talke.
N.12654	J.Johnson Esq., 162, High Street, Halmerend.	Proposed change of use of part 186 High St, Halmerend from storage to residential purposes
N.12655	Rbt Dale & Co.(Builders)Ltd., Nelson Industrial Est. Talke.	Proposed substitution of house types - Laurel Drive & Aspen Close. Harriseahead.
N.12677	James Michael Adams, 83, Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.	Attached garage at 38, Spey Drive, Kidsgrove.
N.12678	E.Frith, 6, Woodside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Fence down side of house wood & concrete post 6'6" 6, Woodside Ave, Kidsgrove.
N.12683	V.E.Baillie, 65, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.	To erect a mast that will adjust from 20 to 30' and have a rotator & aerial on it at 65, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.
N.12688	Christine Hartless, 24, Biddulph Rd, Harriseahead.	24, Biddulph Rd, Harriseahead. Boarding Kennels.
N.12691	Mr.J.Buckley. Proudlove Cottage, Daygreen, Hassall, Sandbach.	Change of use from Coal Yard to Metal fabrication workshop & store at Harriseahead Lane, Rookery.
N.12693	Mr.G.W.Cartwright, 33, Higher Ash Rd, Talke.	Sectional concrete garage at 33, Higher Ash Rd, Talke.
N.12702	Mr.B.Griffiths, 53, Skeller Street, Butt Lane.	Extension to form kitchen/bathroom Improvements & Repairs at 53, Skellem Street, Butt Lane
N.12713	Mr.G.Cottier, 64, Windmill Ave, Kidsgrove.	Two number dwellings at Plot between Nos 18/24 Shakespeare close, Kidsgrove.
N.12716	British Telecom, Trinity Street, Stoke on Trent.	Erection of free standing vent columns at pavement outside Kidsgrove ATE Liverpool Rd, Kidsgrove.
N.12724	Mr.G.Cottier, 64, Windmill Ave, Kidsgrove.	On site residential caravan for temporary accommodation during building of dwelling at Shakespeare close Kidsgrove between Nos 18 & 24.
N.12729	Elliott W.Oakes, 60, Lynn Ave, 1 Talke.	To build boundary walls at rear of garden for purpose of garden & retaining walls for drive Also to erect garage at 60, Lynn Ave, Talke.

Finance Report continued....

2. PAYMENTS: 1st July 1983 to 30th September 1983 - Schedule No.2.

<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
22	758928	Initial Services	10.00
23	29	Mrs.E.Sherratt	24.96
24	30	Mrs.V.Hallam	171.16
25	31	Inland Revenue	43.07
26	32	Initial Services	10.00
27	33	Birchall Bowls - Prize money	28.50
28	34	Colborne Pearson Trophies	34.62
29	35	Mrs.Sherratt	27.04
30	36	Mrs.V.Hallam	164.04
31	37	Inland Revenue	36.99
32	38	Petty Cash	17.79
33	39	P.Garner (Stationers)Ltd.,	18.14
34	40	British Telecom	96.89
35	41	Councillor J.Lockett	100.00
36	42	Initial Services	10.00
37	43	The Audit Commission	108.10
38	44	Henry Pidduck & Sons Ltd.,	3.50
39	45	Mrs.E. Sherratt	37.26
0	46	Mrs.V.Hallam	201.04
41	47	Mr.C.T.Aucott	154.70
42	48	Inland Revenue	92.66

Schedule No.2 total 1390.46
 (Apl 1st to June 30th) - " No.1 " 1364.24
 Total for year to 30th Sept 1983 £2754.70.

3. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS as at 30th September 1983.

<u>General Position.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance</u>	<u>£.</u>
B/fwd	1118.35	Bank: current A/C (30/9/83)	994.28
Receipts	3027.74	less chequest not presented	485.66
	<u>4146.09</u>		<u>508.62</u>
Payments	2754.70	Bank Deposit A/C	862.77
		In hand Petty Cash	20.00
Balance	<u>£ 1391.39</u>		<u>£ 1391.39.</u>

4) MAYORAL REGALIA. (Res 51/83)

Pursuant to the above resolution two quotations have been obtained as below:-
Members will recall the work required included:-

- a) Repairs to Mayoral chain
- b) Repairs to Lady Mayoress's Chain
- c) Engraving on Mayoral chain, the names of the past Chairman/Mayors

	<u>£.</u>	<u>Approx time required for repair</u>
i) Zales Hanley all in price	100.00	3/4 weeks.
ii) Goodwins Hanley a) Mayors chain solder		
15 rings as necessary	£4.50.	
b) Mayoress's chain solder		
180 rings supply additional where necessary	£45.00	
c) engraving 20p per letter (calculated to be 235 letters) the price therefore	£47.00	10 days.
	<u>96.50.</u>	

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 20th OCTOBER 1983.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12735	Revival Ltd., West Ave, Kingsgrove.	Change of use from Office to Retail Showroom at Revival Ltd., West Ave, Talke.
N12737	Mr. Smith, 18, Medina Way, Whitehill, Kingsgrove.	Kitchen/Dining Extension to dwelling at 18, Medina Way, Whitehill, Kingsgrove.
N12739	Mr. G. Litherland, Wain Lee Farm, Brown Lees Rd, Harriseahead	Extension to form lounge & bedroom at Wain Lee Farm, Brown Lees Rd. Harriseahead.
N12747	R. Groom, 70, Liverpool Road, Kingsgrove.	Kitchen & Bathroom extension at 13, Harecastle Villas, Hardingswood Rd, Kingsgrove.
N12748	Mr. Frost, 15, Moorland Road, Mow Cop	Bedroom/Shower/Porch Domestic Dwelling 15, Moorland Road, Mow Cop
N12754	R. Whitmore, 39, Ian Road, Newchapel	Bay window and Canopy at 39, Ian Road, Newchapel
N12755	Mr. Bentley, 36, Lynn Ave, Talke.	Rear extension at 36, Lynn Ave, Talke.
N12761	A. Brown Esq., "Allandale", Swan Bank, Talke.	Erection of Garage at "Allandale" Swan Bank, Talke.
N12764	C. Machin, Beacon House, 54, Castle Rd, Mow Cop.	Extension to provide utility Garage & Shower Room Domestic at Beacon House, 54, Castle Rd, Mow Cop.
N12768	P. Boardman, 15, Arthur Street, Tunstall.	Garage, Mechanical & some car body repairs at Cee & Cee Meat factory, Liverpool Road, Kingsgrove.

10. SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

FINANCE REPORT.

1.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

I am pleased to report the District Auditor has completed the audit of the Council's Accounts and there were no matters in his view requiring report or action.



TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 20th October 1983.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:-A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft,A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors L.O.Burch, B.Campbell, J.S.Evans, E.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

59. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES. dated 8th September.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th September 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

60. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES dated 8th September.

There were no questions arising from minutes dated 8th September 1983.

61. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMME MEETING. 22nd September 1983.

Resolved:- That the report be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 20th October 1983 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to Newcastle Borough Council:-

N12683 V.E.Baillie, - To erect a mast that will adjust from 20 to 30' and have a rotator & aerial on it at 65, Newchapel Rd, Whitehill.

The Town Council would oppose this application. It is to be erected in the garden, and will be seen obtrusively for a considerable distance. Therefore, it will be detrimental to the amenities in the area.

N12688. Christine Hartless, - Boarding Kennels 24, Biddulph Rd, Harriseahead.

The Town Council would oppose this application. It is a residential area, although open at the rear. The continuous barking would cause a nuisance in that area.

N12691 Mr.J.Buckley, - Change of use from Coal Yard to Metal fabrication workshop & store at Harriseahead Lane, Rookery.

Because of problems in the past in this area the Council would oppose this application.

N12724 Mr.G.Cottier, - On site residential caravan for temporary accommodati -on during building of dwelling at Shakespeare Close, Kidsgrove between Nos. 18 & 24.

The Town Council would seek further information, as to how long would this be required.

63. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council re: Proposed Playground adjacent to Birch Wood Nursery.

It is accepted that there is a shortage of playing fields in this area and investigations have taken place to see if any land could be made available but it has proved to be unsuccessful.

The piece of land that your Council have in mind is under the control of the Borough Council's Housing Committee. When my Department was looking for a area of land previously, we came up with the same suggestion and approached the Housing Department asking if the land could be used as a play area. The Housing Department surveyed the residents who lived in the houses immediately adjoining the proposed site who firmly came out against any proposed play area being created in this location. The Housing Department therefore declined to agree to our request to convert this area to a play-ground.



The Town Council resolved:- To suggest an alternative site behind Wellington Road, Kidsgrove, and request that this be investigated as soon as possible, as they feel that a play area is most urgently required.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Partial Central Heating of Council property.

There are many properties throughout the Borough where this situation obtains. This arises from the previous design criteria based on "Parker Morris" standards, which provided for heating to be provided only to living areas and circulatory space. As a consequence in most of the post-war housing stock, heating was not provided in bedrooms. In many cases, the heating appliance is capable of supporting an extension to the heating system by the provision of additional radiators, and many tenants have taken advantage of this. The Council is prepared to approve such work, but it is not the present policy for the Council to bear the cost of such extensions as this would set a precedent throughout the housing stock.

If you could be more specific as to the tenants who have raised this matter again, I will arrange for them to be visited and given appropriate advice.

Resolved:- To ascertain the address/location of the said properties and forward to the Borough Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Street Furniture.

I refer to your letter of the 21st September 1983, and note that your Council members do not consider my earlier reply satisfactory.

With regard to seats in and around the Meadows development, this is a matter in which the Director of Housing and Health would be more directly concerned, and I have forwarded a copy of your letter to him and asked him to reply direct regarding this particular area.

I feel that I should point out that a seat was placed at the side of Timmis's store in the town centre, and this has been replaced on three occasions due to vandalism. Finally, it was considered necessary for the seat not to be replaced as no further funds were available; therefore, one seat in the town centre has been replaced on three separate occasions. A further seat is located at the top of Attwood Street at its junction with Lamb Street, and this seat is periodically removed by unknown persons to other parts of the area despite attempts to secure it to the ground. You will note in the coming weeks that a number of seats will be added to the ones which are provided at the present time. However, no decision has been made as to their exact locations and I am therefore, unable to provide this information at present. When it is available I will let you know.

The Council were most dissatisfied with the reasons enumerated i.e. vandalism and lack of funds.

A member stated that vandalism is not peculiar to Kidsgrove, and they would reiterate their request for information with regards to - How many public seats are there in Kidsgrove?

Staffordshire County Council. - Community Programme, British Rail Project.

In the next few weeks the County Community Programme Agency is starting a 72 place Community Programme Project to carry out environmental improvement work at the following stations in Staffordshire:- Kidsgrove enumerated.

The stations marked are considered on key routes to the 1986 National Garden Festival and as such will be receiving attention from the Festival Committee in respect of floral decorations during 1986, but if any local Council wished to become involved next year they would be welcome to continue through the Festival year. Would you please inform the Councils involved of the suggestion.

Resolved:- To suggest that they write to local business people in the Kidsgrove area.

64. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

a) AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

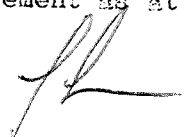
Resolved the report be received.

b) PAYMENTS.

Resolved - That the schedule of payments No.2. as presented, for the period 1st July 1983 to 30th September 1983 amounting to £1390.46. be approved.

c) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved - The statement as at 30th September 1983 showing a balance of £1391.39. be approved.



d) MAYORAL REGALIA.

The Financial Officer presented two quotations for the repairs to the Mayor's and Mayoress's chains and also the updating of the engraving on the Mayor's chain.

Resolved:- That the quotation from Goodwins Hanley be accepted as follows:-

- i) Mayors chain solder 15 rings and replace as necessary £4.50.
- ii) Mayoress's chain; solder 180 rings and supply additional rings where necessary. 45.00.
- iii) Engraving Mayor's chain from 1972 to 1983 - 12 years 20p. per letter.

65. CANAL BRIDGE - STATION ROAD. KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the dangerous condition of the abutment to the Bridge. The high railings that were there are now gone, and this leaves a 15 to 20' drop which could be very dangerous.

The bridge in question is on the main approach to the Railway station, and the Council resolved:- To report to the area Engineer, British Waterways Board, requesting an early investigation and report.

66. APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY.

Staffordshire County Council urgently request the Council's nominations in respect of Kidsgrove No.4. group Reginald Mitchell Primary, Banbury Nursery.

Resolved:- to nominate Councillors:-
D.Pettit, 98, Church Street, Butt Lane
. M.Lench, 13, Third Avenue, Kidsgrove.

67. WALL & FENCE REAR GALLEY PUBLIC HOUSE.

A member reported the dangerous condition of the wall and fence at the rear of The Galley Public House, William Road, Kidsgrove.

This backs onto Warrick Close and the very loose wall is potentially dangerous.

The Council resolved:- To write to Ansell's Brewery Ltd., suggesting an early investigation and request that they make good the damage as soon as possible.

68. ATTWOOD STREET CEMETARY/ST THOMAS'S CHURCHYARD KIDSGROVE.

Newcastle Borough Council Recreation and Amenities Department state:-

With regard to the comments about Attwood Street Cemetery, I feel that these are completely unjustified, and while the Cemetery may not be in perfect condition, to say as the press has done that it is in a disgraceful condition is completely untrue, and an inspection of the Churchyard would reveal this.

It is the Council's intention to undertake further works within Attwood Street Cemetery within the immediate future and this should improve the situation.

Members were emphatic in their comments that the Attwood Street Cemetery is a disgrace particularly the bottom end. It is very overgrown, the Borough Council, it was reported have made small inroads with weed killer, but the cemetery remains an eyesore.

It was further stated that it does the Town's image no good to have its graveyards in this condition.

It was appreciated that the St.Thomas Churchyard only became the liability of the Borough Council recently, but regarding Attwood Street, members felt that greater effort must be made to improve its appearance.

Resolved:- That these comments be forwarded to Recreation and Amenities Department.

69. RESIDENT:- Mr.Bantic 13, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove.

A member reported that a Senior Citizen (as above) is having problems getting his grate repaired. It was reported that he has to wait another ten weeks before the Borough Council can complete the repair.

In view of the fact that this citizen is 82 years old, and therefore must be safeguarded against hypothermia, the Council resolved:-

To write to the Borough Council urging prompt action.

UNTIDY AREA.

A member reported the very untidy condition of the area of land - Wellington Road, Kidsgrove, by the Nursery.

Resolved:- To request Newcastle Borough Council to tidy this area as soon as possible.

71. FOOTWAY LIGHTING.

A member reported that there is no footway lighting in:-

Wedgewood Road to Lichfield Road, Talke, Lichfield Road to Derby Road, and Derby Road to Worcester Close. He stated that there is no provision for Street Lighting in this area, and the Council resolved to report the matter to the Borough Council requesting an investigation and report.

72. BUS SHELTERS, TALKE.

A member reported the condition of the Bus Shelters in Talke.

In March last year, the bus shelter without a roof at the bottom of Coalpit Hill was reported. Nothing has been done to this.

Two others that require attention are:- One in the High Street, another outside Swan House. As we are coming into the Winter months, attention to these is imperative.

Resolved:- To report the comments to the Borough Council.

73. CONDITION OF HIGHWAY PAVEMENT/FOOTWAY.

Members discussed the slabbed pavements being full of weeds. The Council are dissatisfied with the general condition of the pavements in the Kidsgrove area, and resolved to report the matter to the Borough Council.

Pavement opposite Boathorse Road, Kidsgrove.

It was further reported that this very much used area of pavement is in a very bad condition, and the Council would like this given urgent attention.

74. LACK OF SIGN POSTING.

A member reported the lack of sign posting in the Kidsgrove/Talke area. We have business men coming into the area to the Industrial Estates, and the Industrialists deserve clear definition of the sites.

The Town Council resolved:- To ask the County Council for three signs posting on the A500 North Bound stating:- Kidsgrove, Talke and Talke Pits, or one combined sign.

75. BATHPOOL PARK LAKE.

Council members were most unhappy regarding the licence granted to the British Sub Aqua Club to use Bathpool Park Lake for sub aqua training when there are notices forbidding people to swim.

A member said it seems inconsistent, and applying double standards, and the Council resolved to ask the Borough Council to remove the No Swimming Notice.

76. OBSCURED ROAD SIGN.

A member reported complaints received regarding the overgrown hedge obscuring the Boathorse Road sign. The offending hedge being in the garden of Bourne Cottage. Resolved:- To ask the resident to please cut back the hedge.



REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 24th NOVEMBER 1983.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N.653A.	Bradford & Bingley Building Soc. P.O.Box 2. Bingley, West Yorks	Fascia sign & Projecting sign at 94, Liverpool Road, Kildgrove.
N12775	Mr.J.Lindon, No.21, Everest Rd. Kildgrove.	Conversion of roof space to form bedroom area 21, Everest Road, Kildgrove.
N12780	Mr.K.Moore, 1, Southlands Ave, Wolstanton.	Storeroom extension to Chemist Shop at 164/166, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12800	A.W.Gray, 113, Stonebank Road, Kildgrove.	Bay & Porch extension to front Kitchen extension at rear 113, Stonebank Road, Kildgrove.
N12803	Mrs.D.Cooper, 7, Maple Avenue, Alsager.	Conversion to dance studio - First floor Co-operative Supermarket, Congleton Rd, Butt Lane.
N12816	Mr.A.O.Stevenson, 26, Wedgwood Road, Talke Pits.	Double garage at 26, Wedgwood Rd, Talke Pits.
N12817	Mr.Inchley, 25, Townfield Close, Butt Lane.	Erect car port at 25, Townfield Close, Butt Lane.
N12821	Mr.Rogers, 1, Millstone Ave, Kildgrove.	Porch/Canopy extension at 1, Millstone Ave, Kildgrove.
N12825	Steadfast Developments Ltd., Station Works, Bucknall.	Revised location of 19, No Dwellings following approval No.N11346 D(1) 28th April 1983 Junction of Coalpit Hill and Linley Rd, Talke.
N12828	L.F.Hammond, 21, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop.	Erection of garage at 21, Chapel Bank, Mow Cop.
N12830	Newcastle Borough Council,	Reclamation - Hardingswood reclamation site.
N12833	G.Woolley, 5, Tawny Close, Whitehill	Proposed private garage at 5, Tawny Close, Whitehill.
N12834	Mr.W.Griffiths, 4, Yew Tree Terrace, Kildgrove.	Detached garage at 4, Yew Tree Terrace
N12835	Mr.K.Burgess, Swan Meadow Cottage, Merelake Rd, Talke.	Extension to existing lounge at Swan Meadow Cottage, Merelake Rd, Talke.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 24th NOVEMBER 1983.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12848	Mr. T.F.Chan, 99, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen for Chinese Take-away and Bedroom to Dwelling house at 99, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N12860	Staffordshire Police Authority, County Bldgs, Stafford.	Additional Cell Accommodation at Police Station, Kidsgrove.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 17th November 1983.

<u>Financial Position.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance.</u>	<u>£.</u>
B/Fwd	1118.35.	Bank Current A/C (1/11/83)	660.67.
Receipts	3920.94.	add: Credits not included	565.05.
	<u>5039.29</u>		<u>1225.72.</u>
		deduct: cheques not presented	209.58
			<u>1016.14</u>
Payments	3140.38	Bank Deposit A/C	362.77
		In hand Petty Cash	20.00
	<u>£1898.91.</u>		<u>£1898.91.</u>

2) OUTSTANDING ACCOUNT (Res 36, 14th July 1985)

Members will recall Ballets Minerva had requested the Council's patience until Autumn for the settlement of there account for £25.00. and dating back to Nov 1982. You resolved the amount be written off if payment was not made. As the money has not been received will you now confirm that resolution.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 24th November 1983

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, E.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.M.Lench, J.Holdcroft.

78. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 20th October 1983.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 20th October 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

79. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 20th October 1983.

Min. 68. ATTWOOD STREET CEMETERY.

A member reported that it was further resolved to request a site visit at Attwood Cemetery, and he further requested that this matter be rectified.

80. BUTT LANE PARKING.

A member reported a petition with 200 signatures from residents in the Butt Lane area calling for additional parking.

Recent improvements to the traffic flow through Butt Lane had eased the rush hour problems but as a consequence shops had suffered as well as residents who had difficulty parking.

The petition was to be handed in to the Borough Council at their next Meeting.

The Town Council resolved to support the petition, and request the Borough Council to investigate as soon as possible with a view to improving the parking facilities.

Unanimously supported.

81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 24th November 1983, and did not oppose any of the applications.

82. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

British Rail re: Canal Bridge, Station Road, Kidsgrove.

Whereas British Rail are responsible for the maintenance of the Canal Bridge the railing fence to which you refer is not within the British Rail boundary and your request should be directed to the owner of the adjoining land.

Resolved to write to Mr.Smithson, Station Road, Kidsgrove.

Ident Mrs.S.M.Key of 11, Woodside Avenue, Kidsgrove. re: complaint about a 2 mtr. fence that has been erected between No.6 and 7 Woodside Avenue, Kidsgrove.

A member reported that this matter is being dealt with by the Borough Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: 14/22, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

Further to a meeting held at the above location on the 4th inst. between a member of my staff, Mr.Turpin of British Rail and Councillor Beech, I confirm that British Rail are unable to offer any relief in respect of the silt/debris getting into the sewer serving the above properties.

It appears that the great majority of the silt is emanating from the vehicular access between the old Police Station and Nos.46/48 which is unsurfaced and not in Local Authority ownership.

I suggest that the Town Council locate the owners of the land and request them to take remedial action.

A member reported that it is not surface water but sewerage that is getting into the above properties.

The fence also was discussed. It is inadequate, and the Council are very concerned about it.

Resolved:- that the fence be reported to the Borough Council and to request a further study be made of that piece of land.

Newcastle Borough Council, re: Bathpool Park lake.

Your letter concerning the British Sub-Aqua Club, and their licence to use Bathpool Park lake.

A possible difficulty over the apparent application of double standards by the granting of this licence had been foreseen, and the No Swimming notices are to be replaced and will now read:- DANGER, DEEP WATER NO UNAUTHORISED USE.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Stationing of Residential Caravan for Temporary Accommodation on land between 13 & 24, Shakespeare Close.

The length of time for the siting of the caravan is specified on the Form 1. part 3. forwarded on the 4th October 1983. This is for a period of 9 months.

Noted

Ansells Burslem Brewery Co.Ltd., re: Galley Public House, William Road, Kidsgrove.

I refer to your letter in connection with the dangerous wall and fence at the rear of the above Public House.

We have been aware of this problem for some time and have been investigating various means of effecting a permanent solution to the problem which seems to arise to a large extent from the fact that children in the area tend to use our car park as a play area.

I will be pleased to note that orders have now been raised for the matter to be rectified.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Mr. Bantick, 13, Second Avenue, Kidsgrove.

Following your letter an inspection of the property was carried out by the District Maintenance Officer for this area, Mr. Perry, which revealed that the remedial work in question, has in fact been carried out by the Manual Services Department.

A member said this is just an isolated case that we got to know about. The members then discussed the reorganisation. Further comments made were problems arising from work men doing one job, from a job card, when in fact two required doing to that property.

Newcastle Borough Council Statutory Notice and Map re: Kidsgrove Town Centre Streets Temporary Prohibition of Traffic (Order 1983)

Copy of the above Notice with alternative routes for traffic to hand.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Footway Lighting. I refer to your letter concerning the provision of footpath lighting at Talke.

The provision of these lighting points will be considered at the next Highway and Sewerage Committee on the 30th November 1983 and subsequently at full Council on the 21st December 1983. I will inform you of the outcome.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Provision of Seats at The Meadows, Kidsgrove.

Arrangements have been made to have two seats provided at the back of the Meadows for the use of the residents.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Street Furniture.

I am unable to provide you with the information you request with regard to the number of public seats within Kidsgrove, as the number is constantly changing due to various factors outside my Council's control.

It was reported that 10 seats are to be made available for distribution in the Kidsgrove and District area.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Proposed Council Sponsorship of Cultural and other Light Entertainments in outlying areas of the Borough.

A letter was read out regarding a limited form of sponsorship to certain approved organisations in order to assist them in engaging artistes, hiring 'props' etc., for their events. The Council's recommendations were requested.

During the ensuing discussion members questions - What comes within the scope of this. Resolved:- To request more information.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Pavement Valentine Road, Kidsgrove.

I refer to your letter of the 20th June and regret that a reply has not been sent previously.

The condition of the wooden sleepers forming the kerb on the bridge approach has been noted and these will be replaced as soon as possible.

Resolved to again write to the Borough stating:-

Whilst the Council was pleased to note that the sleepers will be replaced as soon as possible, it was further reported that fears had been expressed by residents on the safety of the actual Valentine Road bridge.

When heavy lorries, buses and the like pass over the bridge, pedestrians on the bridge feel movement.

The Council would put forward the question - Is the Bridge capable of carrying heavy tonnage?

They would request that this matter be treated as urgent, and an early investigation and report would be appreciated.

Madeley Parish Council, re the Parish Council's concern at changes in the structure of appointees to school governing bodies.

The content of this letter was discussed and a member stated that the County Council are trying this method for a period of time to see what the reaction is. It is generally felt that Schools are overburdened with Councillors on School Governing Bodies, and there are people with more time and dedication. This has been received with mixed views, but it is the policy being adopted by the County Council.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Area of Land off Wellington Road, Kidsgrove.

Thank you for your letter concerning an area of land off Wellington Road, Kidsgrove near to the nursery.

The area of land you refer to is not owned by the Newcastle Borough Council.

This land, however is owned by McAlpine Homes Ltd., and I suggest you contact them with regard to the matter.

A member stated that the area in question has one garage on it, and there is room for a play area.

Resolved:- To request a further investigation of that land.

83. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

1) Statement of Accounts. Resolved - The Statement as at 17th November 1983 and showing a balance in hand of £1898.91 be approved.

2) Outstanding Account (Res 36,14th July 1983)
The Finance Officer referred to the above minute and reported the account for the hire of the hall by the Ballets Minerva remained unpaid.
Resolved:- That the account amounting to £25. be written off.

84. INADEQUATE LIGHTING.

A member reported that the Street Lighting in the Whitehall Avenue area is quite inadequate during the present temporary traffic diversions whilst the major sewer replacement work is carried out.

It is particularly dark by Browns Garage, and the Council Resolved to request the Borough Council to provide a temporary form of lighting until the sewer replacement work in Liverpool Road is completed.

85. 31/61, St.Martins Road, Talke Pits.

A petition with 15 signatures from the above residents was handed to the Chairman. These residents find it impossible to park in safety. Trades people complain that they cannot deliver.

They request a service Road to the houses to enable them to park their cars off the Road.

The Council discussed this matter, and a member pointed out that Fire and Ambulance vehicles could not get near. It being a cul-de-sac.

Resolved - to support the residents, forwarding the petition to the Borough with a request that the matter be investigated and given careful consideration.

86. DIVERSION SIGNS, KINNERSLEY STREET.

A member reported that in order to accommodate the diversion signs holes have been dug in the pavement, and in Kinnersley Street residents are complaining that they are catching their heels in these holes. This has become particularly dangerous at night, because the lighting is bad in that area.

Resolved:- To report this matter to the Borough Council, requesting an early investigation

87. DANGEROUS SECTION OF ROAD.

A member reported a very dangerous section of Road between Nos 101 to 220 Whitehill Road, Whitehill. There are no pedestrian footpaths, and the Road is very narrow.

Two accidents have happened there, one very recently.

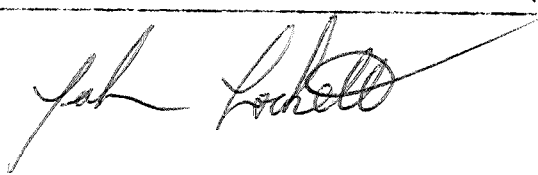
Pedestrians cannot get to the main Road in safety, and the Council were most concerned of this state of affairs.

They resolved:- to report the matter to the Borough Council. Copy of the letter to the County Council.

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REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 15th December 1983.
Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N12863	International Computers Ltd., West Ave, Kidsgrove.	Erection of Portakabin Duplex system 032 for training centre at I.C.L. Kidsgrove.
N12867	Mrs. I.Preen, 4, High Street, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Erection of a dwelling house with garden Land belongs to 4, High Street, with access from Church Street, Rookery.
N12872	Goldenhill Mineral Water Co., Rogers Street, Goldenhill	Distribution Warehouse and Offices at Valentine Service Station, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N12873	Yeung Kwai Wan, 170, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Extension to preparation room & new lounge at 170, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12876	Mr.A.E.G.Jeffries, 25, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove.	Extension to first floor bathroom at 25, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove.
N12886	Mr.P.Jackson, 16, Weir Grove, Whitehill.	Attached garage and Store Room extension at 16, Weir Grove, Whitehill. Kidsgrove.



TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 15th DECEMBER 1983. Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N.11775 DL.	T.Forster.	Proposed dwelling on land adjoining No.93, Old Butt Lane, Butt Lane.
N12898	A.F.Budge (Contractors)Ltd., West Carr Road, Retford, Notts.	Land stabilisation for future housing requiring opencast mining down to 30.m. max and 5m. min on site area Trubshaw Farm, Rookery, Kidsgrove.
N12900	B.Hancock, 32, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.	Retention of garage at 32, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.
N12909	W.S.Leese, Congleton Road Garage Congleton Road, Mow Cop.	Making of Concrete blocks at building rear of Congleton Road Garage, Congleton Road, Mow Cop
N12908	Mr.R.M.Quinton, 50, Waters Green, Macclesfield, Cheshire.	Change of use of part of dwelling house to osteopathic/acupuncture clinic. I propose to use one ground floor and two first floor rooms at 13, Queen Street, Kidsgrove.
N12914	Borough of Newcastle under Lyme.	18, Bungalows at Long Row Kidsgrove.

FINANCE REPORT.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 12th DECEMBER 1983.

Financial Position.

Balance Distribution.

	<u>£.</u>		<u>£.</u>
Brought forward	1118.35.	<u>BANK.</u> Current account	857.74.
Receipts	4105.89	add Credits not included	121.80.
	<u>5224.24.</u>	less.Cheques not presented	<u>979.54.</u>
Payments	3620.86.		258.93.
			720.61.
		<u>BANK.</u> Deposit Account	862.77.
		<u>IN HAND.</u> Petty Cash	20.00
Balance	<u>£ 1603.38.</u>		<u>£1603.38.</u>

8. STREET LIGHTING.

9. BURKE HOUSE. SCOUT HEADQUARTERS.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 15th December 1983.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J. Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor:- J.Evans.

89. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 24th November 1983.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 24th November 1983 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

90. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 24th November 1983.

min 36. re Holes dug in pavement to accommodate DIVERSION SIGNS, KINNERSLEY STREET.

A member reported that another accident had occurred due to this state of affairs.

Resolved:- To request a reply to this reported incident.

91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 15th December 1983 and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to Newcastle Borough Council:-

2898 A.F.Budge (Contractors) Ltd.,
West Carr Road,
Retford, Notts.

- Land stabilisation for future housing requiring opencast mining down to 30m. max and 5m. min on site area Trubshaw Farm, Rookery, Kidsgrove.

The Town Council unanimously resolved to oppose the opencast mining in a residential area. An alternative to this was discussed, and that was high pressure grout injection. This would be far less disruptive.

The opencast mining would mean a disruption of 18 months to the residents in that area, and would be in view of some 500 houses. It cannot be screened being in the middle, and the Council thought that 15,000 tons of coal per week would mean considerable disruption to the area.

For these reasons it was unanimously opposed.

92. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council re: Whitehill Road, Kidsgrove.

Thank you for your letter concerning the narrow section of Whitehill Road between Nos.101 and 220.

This area is at present being investigated and it is my intention to submit a scheme for the provision of a pedestrian facility, along this length, to the Staffordshire County Council for inclusion in the Transport Policy and Programme. The priority, however, of such a scheme will depend on its cost and viability.

Resolved to again write to the Borough Council stating that whilst the Council were extremely glad that the Borough Council is giving this dangerous narrow section of Road consideration, could they also point out the added hazard of bad Street Lighting. Further comments were that this area has been neglected for a very long period, in fact a member reported that promises were made some 14/15 years ago to provide a pedestrian facility along this length of Road.

A Copy of the letter to be sent to the County Council requesting this be pursued.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Street Lighting, Temporary Diversion Route.

Investigations have taken place with the Midlands Electricity Board and the lighting in most of Whitehall Avenue was found to be quite satisfactory for this type of highway under normal circumstances. The traffic diversion has made it desirable to improve the lighting in the short period of the diversion but I am advised there is no suitable method of providing temporary additional lighting.

The part of King Street by Brown's Garage and up to its junction with Heathcote Street

will receive immediate attention by the provision of two new lighting points in King Street and one at the end of Whitehall Avenue. In addition three of the present points will be converted to sodium lighting and a drastic improvement will be evident on this length of highway within the next few weeks.

I hope the above measures alleviate your Council's concern over this matter.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: 31061, St.Martin's Road, Talke.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter together with the petition received from residents of the above properties.

The Borough Council has previously given consideration to requests from various residents in this and similar locations, where residents consider that some improvements to the roads or parking provision would be desirable.

The costs of meeting all the requests currently outstanding led the Council to consider the possibility of developing a rolling programme, based on a financial provision to be made each year within the overall Capital budget. The sum provisionally recommended for this was set at £30,000 per annum, depending upon the level of financial resources available to the Council in any year for general improvements to the existing housing stock.

The Council will shortly be reviewing its intended programme for 1984/85, and works of environmental improvement is one of the items they will need to consider at that time.

At this stage I cannot predict the outcome but I will arrange for the petition to be considered at the next meeting of the Housing Services Committee, in January, and will write to you again after the matter has been considered.

Noted.

Newcastle Parish Councils Association

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was brought to the members notice 6th March at 7.30p.m. in Keele Village Hall.

Noted.

Staffordshire Family Practitioner Committee.

A letter detailing the individual cases reported to the Committee following complaints re the deputising Service used by the doctors at Kidsgrove Health Centre was reported.

The penultimate paragraph reads:-

The records of the Agency show that so far this year up to and including 12 November a total of 644 patients in the Kidsgrove area have been seen by the Medical Relief Agency and it is hard to find any substance for the statement that the "residents of Kidsgrove are being deprived of medical attention".

93. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved - The Statement as at 12th December 1983 and showing a balance in hand of £1003.38. be approved.

94. STREET LIGHTING.

A member reported that after taking the matter up with the M.E.B. of very poor Street Lighting, and in some cases no lighting in the Rookery area 75 go out at midnight,

It was felt that in to-days society midnight is not late, and this present situation is wartime blackout conditions.

In the area there are shift workers, and reports of prowlers.

A further member reported a similar situation in the Talke/Palke Pits area, and the Council resolved - To request the Borough Council to allow the lighting to be until 1.a.m. throughout the district.

95. BURKE HOUSE, SCOUT HEADQUARTERS.

John Swindells Group Scout leader had reported that a Meeting was to take place on site Saturday 17th December 1983 to listen to advice and discuss the future of the above building.

Resolved:- That a member of the Council would attend the Meeting.

96. GLOUCESTER ROAD, WHITEHALL AVENUE.

A member reported that four broken drains, plus other repairs in the above area were being put right by the Borough Council, but the damage was actually as a direct result of opencast mining in the Cheshire area. She questioned "Who is actually paying the bill for this necessary repair work?"

The Town Council resolved to put the question to the Borough Council. "Who is actually paying?"

97. PARKING ON CONGLETON ROAD, MOW COP.

A member reported that the Car Park at the Mow Cop Inn was in such a bad condition that clientele do not use it but park along the above stretch of Road. There have been many problems in the past along this section of Road with no Footpaths, and residents are complaining about the nuisance and noise generated by cars being parked outside their properties.

The Council resolved to request that the Borough Council inspect and provide parking restrictions, and further to send a copy letter to the Publican with a request that the Town Council feel he should bring the car park up to standard.

98. BATHPOOL PARK FOOTBALL PITCH.

A member reported that the Labour Club's Football Team who play on Bathpool Park football pitch are having difficulty playing their fixtures because of the state of the pitch.

It was further reported that they had been refused the use of the second pitch which is in a better condition.

Resolved:- To seek advice on whether it is possible for them to use the second pitch.

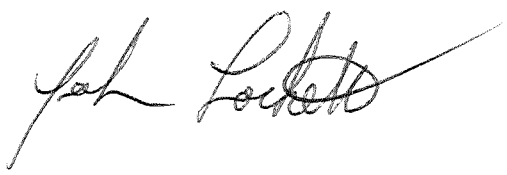
99. ACACIA GARDENS

A member requested that the Borough Council be asked to reply about the reported very bad condition of the Footpath Acacia Gardens.

Newcastle Borough Council report:- The area in question is to be resurfaced early in the New Year.

100. COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 1984.

Due to the close proximity to the Holiday period it was resolved to Cancel the January 5th Meeting.



REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL. 16th FEBRUARY 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
SM 12675. Staffs Morland.	W. Harding, 156, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.	Alterations & Extensions to existing dwelling to form kitchen & bathroom at 21, Castle Road, Mow Cop.
N12925	G.A. Tudor, 3, Jodrell View, Kidsgrove.	Garage for car at 3, Jodrell View, Kidsgrove.
N12934	Blaze, 12, Browning Grove, Talke.	Extension to form W.C. & Lobby at 12, Browning Grove, Talke.
N12941	Mow Cop Brick Co. Ltd., Fradley House, Clayton Rd, Newcastle.	Waste Disposal. Land formerly Mow Cop Brick Wks, Mow Cop.
Comments forwarded 23rd January 1984.		
The Town Council would strongly oppose the dumping of refuse waste material, and would refer this back for more information.		
N 2949	Aidenwood Residential Hotel, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	Managers flat, Kitchen & Stores Carport at Aidenwood Res. Hotel, Kidsgrove.
N12951	Mr. Prosser, 33, High Street, Newchapel.	Change of use from private dwelling to cleaning Storing of catering equipment & storage of Ice- Cream at 35, High Street, Newchapel.
N12960	Rogers T.J. 44, Ian Road, Newchapel.	Garage to be erected - 44, Ian Road, Newchapel.
N12963	Ford L.G. 22, Unity Way, Talke.	Extension for bedroom 22, Unity Way, Talke.
N12973	Manley R, Kenwood, Newcastle Rd, Talke.	Proposed extension forming lounge, Bathroom & Lobby at "Kenwood" Newcastle Rd, Talke.
N 2974	United Co-operatives Ltd., Etruria Road, Hanley.	Enclosed staircase to 1st floor & Fire Escape Staircase at United Co-operatives Premises Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N12979	Mr. G. Davies, 112, Newchapel Rd, Rookery, Kidsgrove.	Detached house & Garage at land adj 101, Attwood Street, Kidsgrove.
N12983	Admins of F.M. Gallimore C/o, 46, Long Lane, Harriseahead. Deceased	Replacement dwelling at Harriseahead Lane Farm, Harriseahead Outline permission for a dwelling to replace the existing farmhouse which has now become derelict.
N12987	Mr. P. Coleman, 4, Wentworth Dv, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	garage bedroom kitchen extension domestic use at 4, Wentworth Drive, Whitehill.
N12998	Leese T.W. 9, Higher Ash Rd, Talke.	Garage 9, Higher Ash Rd, Talke.
3014	M/S J.&F. Birchenough, 32, Crown Bank, Talke.	Outline permission for 2 separate residential dwellings at site 9, Old Butt Lane, Talke.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
M6721	M.A. Copley, Rookery Farmhouse, Rookery, Kidegrove.	One Shop sign at Rookery Farmhouse, Rookery, Kidegrove
M13056	Social Services Committee, Martin Street, Stafford.	Erection of Adult Training Centre and Special Care unit at Gloucester Road, Kidegrove



ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 16th FEBRUARY 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N13043	E.R.Potts, 130, Whitehill Road, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Small extension to Lounge at front of Domestic Dwelling at 130, Whitehill Road, Whitehill.
N13048	G.R.Williams, 12, Walton Way, Talke.	Carport & Covered walk-way vehicle parking at 12, Walton Way, Talke.
N13050	J.Barlow, 3, High Street, Rookery.	One detached dwelling and garage at High Street, Rookery.
N13063	D.J.Cope, 101, Harriseahead Lane, Rookery. Kidsgrove	Bathroom & Bedroom Extension at Fox Earth, 101, Harriseahead Lane, Rookery
13069	A.Bradshaw, TallChimneys, Betchton, Sandbach	Extension to 1st Floor flat No.61A rear Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

17. FOOTPATHS. 1) Linley Road to Walton Way.
2) Lyn Ave to Rock House Lane.
3) Little Venice to Jamage Industrial Estate.

18. TRAFFIC PEDESTRIAN PROBLEMS TALKE.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) PAYMENTS: 1st October to 31st December 1983 - Schedule No.3.

<u>Voucher No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
43	758949	Sentinel Newspapers	6.72
44	758950	Initial Services	10.00
45	123601	Performing Rights Soc.,	66.56
46	02	Petty Cash	13.80
47	03	Mrs.E.Sherratt	34.83
48	04	V.Hallam	176.10
49	05	Inland Revenue	45.45
50	06	Initial Services	10.00
51	07	Worthington Bros.	22.22
52	08	Mrs.E.Sherratt	41.36
53	09	V.Hallam	176.40
54	10	Inland Revenue	45.15
	11	British Telecom	109.87
56	12	Goodwins	97.70
57	13	Initial Services	10.00
3	14	Mrs.E.Sherratt	39.19
59	15	" V.Hallam	176.10
60	16	Mr.C.T.Aucott	155.00
61	17	Inland Revenue	75.45
			<u>Schedule No.3.</u>
			1311.90
			<u>Schedules 1 & 2</u>
			2754.70
<u>Total for year to 31st December 1984.</u>			<u>£ 4066.60</u>

2) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st January 1984.

<u>Overall position</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance</u>	<u>£</u>
B/Fwd	1118.35	Bank: current A/C (1/2/84)	925.77
Receipts	4872.10	Less: chequest not presented	357.69
	5990.45		568.03
Payments	4539.60	Bank: deposit Account a/c	862.77
		In hand - Petty cash	20.00
Balance	<u>£ 1450.85</u>		<u>£1450.85</u>

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 16th February 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., H.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F.Chadwick, E.D.Daniels, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

TRIBUTE.

The Town Council stood in silent tribute to the late Mr.Geo Booth. Mr.Booth had been an active member of the Town Council, and appreciation was expressed for the work he did for the Town.

The Chairman announced ITEM 9 was deleted from the Agenda.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors B.Campbell C.C., S.Hadgett, H.Lunning.

102. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 15th December 1983.

Min. 91 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

ME2898 A.F.Budge (Contractors) Ltd., - Land stabilisation requiring opencast mining.

A member pointed out that this was not unanimously opposed. There were 2 abstentions.

Resolved:- After the amendment, the minutes be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

103. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 15th December 1983.

Min.92 Correspondence. Newcastle Borough Council re: Street Lighting Temporary Diversion Route.

A member reported that the lights had been out all night, on at least two occasions, and it is very, very dangerous.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council stating that the Town Council are far from satisfied with the service they are getting from the Midlands Electricity Board regarding the Street Lighting on the Temporary Diversion Route, and request the Borough to take the matter up with the Board.

Min.99 Acacia Gardens. A member reported that this work had not been commenced, and asked that a date be given when the work is due to be started.

Resolved:- To write to the Borough Council requesting they furnish this information.

104. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING DATED 19th January 1984.

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting dated 19th January 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

105. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

ME2941. Mow Cop Brick Co.Ltd., - Waste Disposal land formerly Mow Cop Brick Works
Fradley House, Mow Cop.
Clayton Road, Newcastle.

The Town Council re-iterated their very strong opposition to the dumping of domestic refuse waste material at the above.

The comments were that planning permission would not have been granted by the Officers of the day had it been known that this would occur. Dry inert filling was the intention NOT domestic waste refuse.

There is also a lot of water in the marl hole, this will have to go through Cheshire, and a letter is to be sent to the Water Board requesting they strongly oppose any tipping of domestic waste.

A letter also to be forwarded to the County Council couching the Town Council's strong opposition.

M2951. Mr. Prosser,
33, High Street,
Newchapel.

- Change of use from private dwelling to
cleaning storing of catering equipment &
storage of Ice Cream at 35, High Street,
Newchapel. 51

The Town Council oppose this application. There are considerable problems regarding unauthorized parking of Ice-Cream vans in that vicinity. Other comments were - It is an old building, and Ice-cream is a vulnerable commodity. The situation is all wrong.

106. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Staffordshire County Council, re: Whitehill Road, Kidsgrove.

I have liaised with Mr. J.C. Dodd on this matter and he has arranged for the length of road under consideration to be surveyed with a view to his Department preparing an improvement scheme at this location.

This scheme will need to be submitted to this Department for consideration being given to its possible inclusion in the County Council's programme of highway improvement schemes and Mr. Dodd will be able to advise your Council further on this matter in due course.

A member stated that they are hoping to get it in the 1985 programme.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Request for the provision of central heating.

I refer to the previous correspondence in connection with the request by the Town Council for the provision of additional heating in certain properties in the Kidsgrove area, where only partial central heating is currently provided.

I would now inform you that this request was considered by the Housing Services Committee at its recent meeting, when it was decided that no action be taken in connection with the request.

I would remind you that the Council's present policy provides that approval can be given to any tenants who wish to extend an existing heating system or to provide alternative forms of heating, at their own expense, provided that the new system is at least comparable with that which it is intended to replace, and the Council does not bear any of the cost involved.

A member said that if they did it in this area, they would need to do it elsewhere, and the money is not there.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Gloucester Road, Whitehall Avenue.

Your letter re sewer repairs at the above locations.

In the past few months two works of maintenance have been done by the Council in Gloucester Road both of these being paid for by the N.W.W.A. through the agency agreement operated by the Council.

The recent remedial works carried out at the old Moss Pit Colliery site off Knowsley Lane have been paid for initially out of the sewer maintenance agreement operated by the Council on behalf of the N.W.W.A.

Newcastle Borough Council are making a claim against Cheshire County Council for the cost of the Moss Pit operation to ensure that Newcastle ratepayers do not suffer financially.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Bathpool Park-Football Pitches.

I have to inform you that the two football pitches at Bathpool Park are allocated annually to individual clubs. You will appreciate that it is most important that teams play only on those pitches that are specifically set aside for them, and not on pitches used by other people.

May I suggest that if the football club in question has a complaint that they take the matter up directly with my office, as is the normal procedure. - Recreation & Amenities.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Birchenwood Foul Sewer Scheme, Kidsgrove.

I refer to your letter regarding the holes in the pavement in Kinnersley Street, Kidsgrove. The diversion signs for Birchenwood Sewer Scheme are all of the free-standing type and do not require holes to be made in the ground to erect them.

I have visited the area today in order to investigate your complaint and can see only two one-inch diameter holes in the footpath in Kinnersley Street. Assuming these holes to be the ones causing the problem with peoples heels, I have instructed the West Midlands Gas Board, who are responsible for the holes, to fill them as soon as possible.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Valentine Road Bridge.

Regarding the adequacy of the Valentine Road Bridge to carry the loading imposed upon it. As you may be aware the bridge is the responsibility of the British Railways Board and I am informed by them that the bridge has been assessed under the Department of Transport Code as 'full strength' that is, capable of carrying all types of vehicles controlled by the Construction and Use Regulations.

It is not of course unusual for some vibration to be felt when vehicles pass over structures.

I trust this information will allay the concern which is felt by the members of your Council.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Street Lighting - Rookery Area.

I have investigated the lighting in that area and found that it is to the same timings as most of the Newcastle Borough areas.

This is basically to illuminate all night on through well used routes and partially illuminate residential areas by switching some of the points off at midnight. This leaves all roads with some lighting on all night and through routes such as High Street, Gloucester Road, Newchapel Road fully illuminated throughout the hours of darkness. I would be pleased to investigate any specific roads in both the Rookery, Talke and Talke Pits areas and adjust the time settings, if necessary.

Newcastle Borough Council re: 14/22, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

Concerning foul water flooding at the above properties, I would say that any further correspondence on the matter should be conducted between yourselves and British Rail and the owners of the vehicular access between the Old Police Station and Nos 46/49.

The Council have inspected the sewer at the rear of the properties and found it in good working order, the problem being that debris from the above vehicular access is finding its way into the sewer via the untrapped gullies in the unadopted rear footpath access. The above mentioned gullies should be replaced by new trapped ones and the unadopted access should be regraded, the work being done/paid for by the riparian owners.

A member said no-one wants to accept the responsibility, people are still complaining. As far as we are concerned this is very disappointing.

Kidsgrove Chamber of Trade. Thanking the Council members who attended the 7th Feb Meeting, An invitation to members wishing to attend any future Chamber Meetings, and detailing items they wished the Council to support.

107. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

- Resolved:-
- 1) That Schedule No.3. Payments be approved
 - 2) That Statement of Account as at 31st January 1984 showing a balance of £1450.85 be approved.

108. INCREASE IN TOWN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE.

The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor left the chamber. The Council then elected Councillor J.J.Beech to the chair, who then moved that £106. be transferred from the Council's account to the Mayor's account.

He said that the office of Mayor is a great honour, and carried dignity. It is unfortunate that this financial problem has arisen. Out of five local Town Councils, the allowance at Kidsgrove is the poorest paid.

A member then stated - We are sympathetic to the situation, but it is too easy to take this money out of the balances. We see the Mayor as not a political figure, but a man doing a job. If a fund raising event had been held we would have supported him. The only money spent in the Town since last May was £28 towards the Birchall Bowls Competition, £97. on the chain of office, which including the allowance is £447 on the Mayor. We have spent no money on what we should be spending money on, such as Footpaths and Allotments. If the Mayor wants my support to raise money, then I will, otherwise I oppose.

A member questioned How has the money been spent? If you are coming to this meeting asking for money, you should have a figure in front of us as to where the money has gone.

All of the Chairmen of this district have managed to raise the money. Before making this public, I am surprised he did not put an effort on to get it.

I am amazed at the comments a further member stated, we cannot expect a family man to pay this out of his own pocket. He has been given an allowance, but he is constantly dipping into his own pocket, particularly over the Christmas period. He did not get the support he required. It must now fall fairly and squarely on this Council. The allowance has not been increased over the past ten years and it is unrealistic. All we are asking for is £106 to compensate.

The Chairman then said - I believe it is a difficult position to be in. A lot of things have been raised, but I am sure that none of us wants a working man to be out of pocket. He then took a vote.

10 members voted For.

6 members voted Against. A named vote of opposers was requested:-
Councillors:- Mrs.N.Salt, A.Amos, P.Forster, D.Ward, E.D.Daniels,B.J.G.Redfern.

Resolved:- That the sum of £106. be added to the Mayor's Allowance in the current year only (1983/84) making a total of £456.

109. KIDSGROVE SCOUT GROUP.

The Chairman read the contents of a letter regarding the report of a site meeting held at the Scout Headquarters, Kidsgrove on Saturday 17th December 1983 re the future of the building.

The Council's representative at that Meeting said that the building has a life of between three and five years. It is moving $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. per week. The architectural plans were sent back three times to be redrafted. There were serious objections to these plans. If they do rebuild the cost will be between £42 to £62,000.

A member said They should look at the land before they build again there with the Canal and Railway on either side.

We have reached a stage where the National Association of the Scout Movement want a pledge member said. It is providing interest to the youth of the area.

The Council then resolved to reaffirm their support to the 1st Kidsgrove Scout Group in their endeavour to reach a satisfactory solution to this problem.

110. STEPS.

1) Poplar Drive/Ravenscliffe. A member stated that the concrete lintels are broken and in desperate need of attention. There is less than 1" horizontal surface space available for people to actually step on, and consequently they are walking around the l...s.

2) Peckforton/Chatterley Drive. These it was reported are in an even more dangerous condition. The top of the steps are sinking in, they are fenced off, but people are parking there. The footpath is also sinking.

Report to the Borough Council.

These steps are the issue of numerous complaints from the area, and the Council resolved to request that legal priority be given to make them safe.

111. MRS.E.SHERRATT. (Clerk) 2 mornings per week 2 hrs ea.morning 4 per week)

Resolved - That Mrs.Sherratt be re-appointed for a further period of 12 months.

112. MARYHILL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL Governing Body. One replacement required.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Mrs.D.Burch to the Maryhill Governing body as the Council's representative.

113. MEADOWS ROAD CAR PARK.

Members discussed complaints that shoppers could not use the Meadows road car park because the spaces were taken by the commuters. To alleviate this members resolved - To ask the Borough Council to erect short term parking signs on the car-park.

CAR PARK SIGNS.


A member drew the Council's attention to the inadequacy of signs in Kidsgrove indicating the Car-Park, which the Council are justifiably proud of the fact that it is Free, and also the Town Centre.

It was suggested that such signs should be displayed at the junction The Avenue/Liverpool Road, and the Council resolved to ask the Borough Council if these could be given consideration.

114. WARWICK CLOSE GARAGES.

A member reported that complaints had been received from tenants of the above because they could not get their cars out during the Icy weather conditions, no gritting being available.

The Council therefore resolved to request that a Grit Box be provided here to alleviate the problem.

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- 115. FOOTPATHS 1) Linley Road to Walton Way.
- 2) Lyn Ave to Rock House Lane.
- 3) Little Venice to Jamage Industrial Estate.

A member reported a request that the Council be asked to obtain estimates for the improvement of the three footpaths enumerated, and that the estimates be presented to the next Meeting. He then made reference to the Standing Order covering expenditure. We are very sympathetic, but, a member said the money was just not there a vote was taken 12 members voting against. The Council resolving - No further action.

118. TRAFFIC-PEDESTRIAN PROBLEMS TALKE.

A member reported problems with both traffic and pedestrians in the Butt Lane/Talke area. It was felt that unless the 30 m.p.h. speed limit is extended to include the pelican crossing on the A34 Talke Road, there will be an accident. The Road markings need to be looked at between the pelicans also. It was thought that passing facilities would drastically improve the area.

In view of these comments the Council resolved-To request that an Officer of the County Council attend the next full Council Meeting to discuss these problems. (2 dates of Meetings forwarded)

117. G.E.C. GATES.

A member reported that the General Electric Company, West Avenue, Kidsgrove are constructing a set of gates in Old Butt Lane. It was stated that these gates are obstructing the public right of way that leads to St.Saviour's School.

The Council resolved:- To ask the Borough Council to please look into this matter.

118. NO SMOKING.

A member requested that Councillors refrain from smoking during Council Meetings. A vote was taken, and the majority were in favour of this practice being adopted.

119. NEWCHAPEL PLAYING AREA FLOODLIGHTS.

A member reported that the Newchapel playing area floodlights are not working. This is due to the lamps being in disrepair, and he questioned - Are funds available to repair these in order that the Midlands Electricity Board can put them back into lighting.

Resolved:- To report and put the question to the Borough Council.

120. ONE-WAY SYSTEM THROUGH KIDSGROVE.

Members discussing the above resolved to write to the Borough Council requesting that until the central Biddulph Ring Road goes through, Heathcote Street continues as the priority Road, and that Whiteridge Road is Never considered as an alternative priority Road.

121. ACCESS DIFFICULTIES.

A member reported that during the recent spell of snow and ice weather conditions, an ambulance had to park some distance from the Hollinswood Close, Kidsgrove home, and carry a sick elderly person some distance to the ambulance. The vehicle being unable to get close to it.

It was also stated that the roads were particularly bad also at the Hollins Grange Complex Talke.

The Council resolved:- To request that in future, if the Roads could not be cleared in these areas, could they at least be gritted.

122. PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

A member requested that the Council obtain from the above the following information:-
1) Membership Fees. 2) Prospectus of the benefits of being a member.

123. FOOTPATH & BRIDLE WAY MAPS.

A member requested that the Town Council obtain maps clearly defining the Footpaths and Bridle Ways in the Kidsgrove and District area.

Resolved:- To write to the County Council requesting these be furnished as soon as possible.



KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL.

COURT OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING, CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNUAL EVENT.
FRIDAY 6th APRIL 1984. 23rd February 1984.

Councillor J.Lockett in the Chair.

Present Councillors:- M.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, J.Ellis, P.Forster.

The Chairman opened the Meeting - I would like to get away from the Annual Dinner/Dance that has previously been held, that benefits no-one but the Councillors, and hold an event to raise money for charity. I think we should involve a lot more people in Kidsgrove. It is usual for the Mayor to give a donation to the Organisations.

A member suggested that a separate account be kept for Charities.

The Mayor said that out of the allowance £150 was spent showing hospitality following his inauguration, and again an amount was spent following the Civic Service. After that there is very little left.

The Meeting then resolved to hold a Charity Dance & Buffet, to go ahead with the Alan Whieldon Sound, but to incorporate a Disco also. The tickets to cost £2.50.

Prior to the event - To request the permission of the following committees to make a collection in the Clubs:-

Labour Club, Kidsgrove, Working Men's Club Kidsgrove, Working Men's Club Newchapel, Working Men's Club Packmoor, Working Men's Club Butt Lane, Talke Social Club.

To write to the following Companies informing them of the Mayor's appeal for donations either monetary, or suitable merchandise to raffle:-

I.C.L. West Avenue, Kidsgrove, G.E.C. Appeals Fund, Rowley's Pies, Butt Lane, Chandos Quarries & Properties Ltd., Talke, Blythe Colours Ltd., Kidsgrove, Goldenhill Mineral Water Co., A.F.Budge (Contractors) Ltd.,

The Rotary, Inner Wheel Club and Chamber of Trade, the latter the Mayor in person making an appeal at their next Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.30p.m, with the Chairman thanking the members for their attendance, and suggesting a further Meeting 2 weeks hence Thursday 8th March 1984.



TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 22nd MARCH 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

No.	Applicant.	Development.
N13075	Radio Rentals Ltd., Relay House, Percy Street, Swindon.	Replacement perspex panel in existing fascia box sign, display double sided hanging panel sign at 69, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N13039	Mr.B.Roberts, The Uplands, Mount Road, Kidsgrove.	Extension to domestic dwelling Kitchen & Utility areas at The Uplands, Mount Road, Kidsgrove.
N13013	Staffs Timber Products, Old Cheese Factory, Stone Rd, Hill Chorlton, Newcastle.	Storage of Pallets & Repair at North Links Commercial Newcastle Road, Talke.
N13071	Woodward A.W. 75, Spey Drive, Whitehill.	Additional bedroom at 75, Spey Dv, Whitehill.
N13076	Mr.B.Venables, 94, Newchapel Road, Kidsgrove.	Extension to form sitting room at 94, Newchapel Road, Kidsgrove.
N13095	R.Platt, 24, Wright Street, Butt Lane.	Change of shop to Living Accommodation at 1, Glebe Street, Butt Lane.
N13096	R.Platt, 24, Wright Street, Butt Lane.	Substitution of vehicular access for pedestrian access-private residential at 24, Wright Street, Butt Lane (letter attached to plans)
N13100	Staffordshire County Council, Martin Street, Stafford.	Two replacement Laboratories School. Karyhill Comprehensive School, Kidsgrove.
N13102	A.Blakeman, 38, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.	Bedroom Extension at 38, Mow Cop Road, Mow Cop.
N13107	M.Ellam, 22, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Car Park for the use of Rifleman Public House, Site of old C.P.O.Cottages Acres Nook, Kidsgrove (letter attached to plans)
N13113	G.Hawkins, 5, Jodrell View, Kidsgrove.	Kitchen extension at 5, Jodrell View, Kidsgrove
N13123	J.Lovatt, 113, Walton Way, Talke.	Garage extension at 113, Walton Way, Talke.
N13127	M.Jervis, 32, Swan Bank, Talke.	2 detached private dwelling houses with 1 garage each at land adj to 32, Swan Bank, Talke.
N13129	Mrs.I.Preen, 4, High Street, Rookery	extensions and change of use of part of 1st floor to Hairdressers at 4, High Street, Rookery.
N13133	Aidenswood Res Hotel, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.	21 additional bedrooms & Public areas at Aidenswood Res Hotel, Kidsgrove.
N13151.	R.Lease, 4, Swift Close, Whitehill.	Dining room extension at 4, Swift Close, Kidsgrove.

PLANNING COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

APPENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 22nd MARCH 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N13160	Staffordshire County Council Stafford.	Erection of Temporary Storage shed at Kidsgrove Youth & Community Centre, Whitehall Ave, Kidsgrove.
N13165	F.J. Moore, 28, Coalpit Hill, Talke.	Conversion from Public open space to Garden Land at land at the rear of No.28, Coalpit Hill, Talke.
N13168	Chorlton Developments Ltd., Old Cheese Factory, Hill Chorlton, Staffs.	Change of use of one shop unit to small Shopping Arcade for eight units at 22, Market Street, Kidsgrove.
N13172	J. Machin, 31, Brieryhurst Road, Whitehill, Kidsgrove.	Bedroom extension domestic at 31, Brieryhurst Road, Whitehill.
N13176	Beth Johnson Housing Assoc: Kearsley Chambers, Shelton Old Road, Stoke on Trent.	Proposed Category 1, Elderly persons Housing at Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.
N13179	W.J.W. Pedley, 43, Rockside, Mow Cop.	Extension to existing dwelling house at 43, Rockside, Mow Cop.
N13182	Mr. M. James, 51, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.	Alterations and extensions to bungalow to form 2 bedrooms & bath at first floor level at 51, Chatterley Drive, Kidsgrove.
N13186	A. Scragg, 90, Ian Road, Newchapel.	Erection of pre-cast concrete garage 90, Ian Road, Newchapel.
N13187	M. Mellor, 28, High Street, Mow Cop.	Gable extension to provide study & additional bedroom accommodation at 28, High Street, Mow Cop.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS as at 29th February 1984.

<u>Overall Position.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance</u>	<u>£.</u>
Brought Forward	1118.35	Bank: current a/c (1/3/84)	1191.38
Receipts	5729.75	add: credits not included	59.35
	<u>6848.10</u>		<u>1250.73</u>
		less: cheques not presented	540.53
Payments	5255.18		<u>710.15</u>
		Bank: deposit a/c	362.77
		In hand Petty cash	20.00
<u>Balance</u>	<u>£ 1592.92</u>		<u>£ 1592.92.</u>

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 22nd March 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the Chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P, J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, L.C.Burch, B.Campbell C.C., F.Chadwick, H.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, Mrs.F.M.Gibson, S.Hadgett, J.Holdcroft, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.M.Lench, D.J.Pettit, Mrs.S.J.Williams, E.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.D.Burch, D.Daniels.

125. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 16th February 1984.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council dated 16th February 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

126. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 16th February 1984.

Adverting to resolution No.118, members confirmed that the No Smoking rule be applied at Council Meetings.

in 115. FOOTPATHS.

Referring to Standing Order (12) re Expenditure, a member said a vote should not have been taken. It should have been left and discussed at the Next Meeting.

The Chairman agreed, it should have been on the agenda of this Meeting.

I asked that we look at the cost of improving the Footpaths. It is normal under the County Council Scheme to obtain estimates, and submit them to the County Council by June of this year. We are not asking for tar-mac, just firming up of muddy areas. Sooner or later we have to do them.

He then moved that estimates be obtained.

A further member said we should include all the Urban District Council Footpaths, then prioritise.

Resolved:- To obtain Estimates for all the listed Footpaths.

in 120. ONE-WAY SYSTEM THROUGH KIDSGROVE.

A member reported very strong public feeling against the above. It is now in it's advanced stage, and during the snow and bad weather conditions, traffic congestion was chaos in Heathcote Street, proving that the system would not work.

Bearing in mind the chaos that did exist at the time, the Town Council resolved request the Borough to re look at this system.

27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 22nd March 1984, and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council:-

NI3013 Staffs Timber Products,
Old Cheese Factory,
Stoke Road, Hill Chorlton,
Newcastle.

- Storage of Pallets & Repair at North Links
Commercials, Newcastle Road, Talke.

The Town Council would oppose this application on the grounds that it would be obtrusive to the area. Pallets need to be stored on Industrial Estates, and not as in this case.

NI3096 R.Platt,
24, Wright Street,
Butt Lane.

- Substitution of vehicular access for pedestrian
access-private residential at 24, Wright Street,
Butt Lane.

There is a long history of problems in Wright Street with mixed Industrial and Residential. There are still complaints from residents regarding noise and access problems, and the Town Council feel it would be very useful to inspect this. To this end they request the Borough Officers to pursue this.

N3127 M.Jervis,
32, Swan Bank,
Talke.

- 2 detached private dwelling houses with 1
garage each at land adj. to 32, Swan Bank,
Talke.

There was a problem with the last dwelling here. On Swan Bank the pavement is straight, and then it disappears, forcing pedestrians on to the Road. This could be a repetition. Nothing has been done about the previous dwelling. It is in a dangerous spot, and the Council would oppose, unless they are set back.

128. CORRESPONDENCE. The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Newcastle Borough Council re: Steps at Poplar Drive & Peckforton View, Kidsgrove.

The steps joining Poplar Drive with Ravenscliffe Road are, I agree, in a bad state of repair. They do not, however, appear to be the responsibility of the Highway Authority nor are they constructed on the route of a public footpath. I can only suggest that they were constructed by the developer for his own convenience and that they are still his responsibility.

The steps leading from Peckforton View to Chatterley Drive are, on the other hand, adopted by the Highway Authority. They have been fenced off for sometime now because of the likely danger to users at the Peckforton View end of them. The householder living adjacent to the steps removed the wedge of earth in his rear garden which was supporting the end of Peckforton View. He did this in order to have a flat garden but did not, unfortunately, replace the earth with the necessary wall. In order to guard against the danger should a collapse of Peckforton View take place, the Highway Authority fenced off the area. The matter is being investigated by the Council's Secretary with a view to an early solution being reached.

The Council were not satisfied with this reply, and would reiterate the steps are very dangerous. The situation has been there for four or five years. The Drive itself at Peckforton is sinking, and there is a drop of some ten to twelve feet into a garden. Although it is fenced off, children are getting behind it. The Council question - If a child does fall down this drop, who will be responsible? In view of the fact that the Council are getting no nearer to the solution of making Peckforton View safer, They resolved to write to the Chief Executive requesting that he take this matter up with the officers responsible, and arrange a site visit.

Staffs Parish Councils Association.

The cost of the affiliation fee for the year 1984/85 based on the Peany Rate Product would be £158.

The Council resolved:- Not to persue the matter.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Garage Site, Warwick Close, Kidsgrove.

Whilst I can appreciate the basis for the request for the provision of a grit bin, I would remind you that the difficulties experienced by the car owners during the period of inclement weather are no different than those experienced by many others in similar situations, and it is clearly not practicable for the Council to fund provision and maintenance of bins in all such situations. Therefore, whilst I have every sympathy with the car owners concerned, I do not feel that I can justify an exception to the general policy in such cases, particularly as the difficulties arise only during relatively short periods during the year.

Noted.

Newcastle Borough Council, re: Newchapel Play Area.

The lights at the Newchapel Play Area are out of commission. An official order has been sent to the M.E.B. and the repairs were to be made good. However, on closer inspection the M.E.B. observed that there were specialist junction boxes that were in a dangerous state of repair and reported back to this Authority. A second order was placed to enable the M.E.B. to order and fit these boxes. It is anticipated that the work will be completed shortly. All clubs hiring the facility have been infromed of the problems and credits or refunds are being dealt with.

Noted.

Staffordshire County Council. Revised Definitive map and survey or rights of way

To Hand,



Staffordshire County Council re: Traffic/Pedestrian Problems Butt Lane/Talke area.

Newcastle Borough Council have Traffic Management Agency for this area of the County and I have passed your letter to them for attention. The Secretary reported a telephone conversation with Mr.A.Wells, Newcastle Borough Council Officer who reports that it is in fact a matter for the County Council.

Resolved:- To contact the Borough and County Council requesting a quick answer.

North Staffs 'Save our N.H.S. ' Campaign

An invitation to representatives of the Council was reported to a Meeting of the above on Wednesday March 28th 1984 at 7.30p.m. at Hanley Town Hall.

Resolved:- To send two representatives to this Meeting.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Hollinwood Close and Hollins Grange.

Regarding difficulties recently experienced in gaining access to Hollinwood Close during inclement weather. You will appreciate that this is not a new problem and is one that effects many side Roads or minor estate roads throughout the country during such weather conditions. There is no way in which all such roads could be individually treated for snow clearance or gritting. However, I have requested that grit bins be installed at both Hollinwood Close and Hollins Grange, before the next winter season, which I hope will help to improve the situation at these two sites.

Members commented these would be very useful.

129. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved:- That the Statement of Accounts as at 29th February showing a balance of £1592.92 be approved.

That the Estimates as presented be approved.

130. TOWN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE.

Resolved:- That the Mayor's Allowance be increased by £200 to £550 per annum for the year 1984/85, and the Estimates be amended accordingly.

131. CHEMIST & PRESCRIPTION FACILITIES TALK/TALK PITS.

A member reported, and members went on to discuss at length the difficulties experienced in getting prescriptions dispensed, following the withdrawal of a prescription collection box in the village.

Families in the centre of Talke Pits have prescriptions dispensed at the Doctor's surgery in the High Street, but others on the edge of the village are not on the dispensing list, because they live within a mile of the chemist's shop at Butt Lane.

This is an insidious situation, and the Council resolved to circulate:-

- The Community Health Council, Shelton.
- The Staffordshire Family Practitioner Committee, Stafford,
- Staffordshire County Council, Stafford.
- North Midland Co-op, Talke. Resolve & find a solution to the problem.

132. WEST AVENUE, KIDSGROVE.

A member reported the condition of the total surface area of the Road, West Avenue, Kidsgrove, as being in an appalling state, and it is feared that there will be an accident there, unless something is done about this.

Resolved:- To report this matter to the Borough Council.

133. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

A member suggested in a bid to welcome people into this Council Chamber we introduce a Public Question Time. He then outlined to members the procedure. In response the Council leader said that we do have two public meetings per year, when the public exercise their right to speak. I feel this would not achieve anything.

Resolved:- No further action.

134. CLOSURE OF WESTCLIFFE HOSPITAL.

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A member asked the Council to support the campaign to save the Westcliffe Hospital from closure. Following the visit by Councillor's to the Hospital he reported favourable impression with what they saw. It's cost effectiveness per patient, and its locality. Some of the patients have been there a long time. It is not a workhouse any more. A tremendous amount of money has been spent including £35,000 on Roads, £40,000 on two new day rooms, £15,000 for a personal laundry, and £20,000 on the upgrading of wards.

With people living longer, he felt that there is a need for more beds particularly in the North of the City, and the avoidance of disturbance in their advancing years.

Although the Westcliffe building is old in appearance, the facilities are more than adequate for present day needs, perhaps, with the exception of a lift.

A further member stated The authority had to save £3 million to get £32 million for the scheme, which is the biggest improvements in health services in North Staffordshire. The hospital closure would save a considerable amount of money on what is a 19th Century building. No geriatric beds would be lost. There was a planned provision for geriatric beds at the Haywood Hospital. To put a lift in will cost more money than all the improvements listed.

The Chairman said that some 100 of the Westcliffe beds will be in the City General in what was once a workhouse, and he questioned What will the provision at the Haywood be if 100 beds are going to the City General and some to Longton Cottage Hospital? It means geriatric care in the north will be transferred to the south of the City.

A vote was taken 14 members voted to support the Campaign to Save the Westcliffe Hospital
4 members voted against

Resolved:- to write to the North Stafford Health Authority deploring the closure of the Westcliffe Hospital in five years time, and hope that it can receive further consideration.

135. SIGN ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH.

A member reported the sign that appears on the Public Footpath Rigby's Garage/Bullocks House Lane, which reads:-

Users of the Path please keep dogs on leash
Do not use footpath at night.

It was further reported that this sign has no Legal standing, and the Council therefore should ask that it be removed

Resolved:- To write to Mr.Rigby accordingly.

136. CONDITION OF TOW PATH.

A member reported the very bad state of the Kidsgrove Canal tow-path, used by commuters from 3rd Avenue to the Railway Station. An elderly person recently fell down the steps, which were thought to be dangerous, and disgust was also expressed about the state of the Canal itself.

The leader of the Council stated this was a private Road, solely for the pople using the Railway station. However, the member stated there was no notice there, and it was questioned should there be a notice there showing this restriction?

The Town Council resolved to write to the British Waterways Board.



TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL 12th APRIL 1984.

Applications to be determined by Newcastle Borough Council.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
NP248 D8	V.A.Jukes, 71, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel	1 Detched bungalow & garage plot C 1 Garage plot 9 at land off Tern Ave/Dane Gardens Whitehill
N684A	Simpson Bros Garage 36, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.	Standard 'Flare' Petrol sign & Price display at Simpson Bros Garage, 36, Congleton Road, Butt Lane.
N13197	Trustees of Trinity Methodist Church, Whitehill.	Extension to existing Chapel car park and widening access to existing car park at site Nos 55, 57 and 59 Brewhouse Bank, Whitehill Rd. Whitehill.
N13201	A.Bartley, 24, Hillside Ave, Kidsgrove.	Brick Garage at 24, Hillside Av, Kidsgrove.
N13204	Mrs.A.Cooper, Rookery Post Office, High Street, Rookery.	One detached dwelling at land adj to Rookery Post Office, High Street, Rookery
N13214	R.S.Lawton, 2, Nursery Road, Scholar Green	Residential property at The Mill, Congleton Road Butt Lane.
N13219	M.Taylor, 23, Kidsgrove Bank, Kidsgrove.	Rear extension 2 storeys high kitchen on G.F. Bedroom/Bathroom F.F. at 23, Kidsgrove Bank. Kidsgrove.
N13223	N.J.Diver, 92, Walton Way Talke.	To erect garage at 92, Walton Way. Talke.

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

ADDENDUM TO THE PLANNING REPORT 12th APRIL 1984.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Development.</u>
N637A	Ansells Brewery Ltd., Tamebridge House, Aldridge Rd, Perry Barr.	1 Wall mounted pect., 1 cradle lantern at The Queens Head, Market Street, Kidsgrove.
N13256	Newcastle Borough Council.	Outline permission 1 detached private dwelling at C.P.O. Site - Acres Nook.
N13257	Newcastle Borough Council.	Outline permission Pair of Semi-detached houses at C.P.O. Site - Acres Nook, Kidsgrove.
N13264	V.A.Jukes, 71, Pennyfields Road, Newchapel.	One Detached bungalow & Det garage off Dane Gardens, & Tern Ave, Whitehill.
N13246	J.McKenna, 7, Wentworth Drive, Kidsgrove.	Extension to existing dwelling house to form sitting room & utility room at 7, Wentworth Dv, Kidsgrove.
N13248	KAP.Pimblott, 5, Healey Ave, Knypersley	1 Detached dwelling at site off 58, High Street, Harriseahead.

FINANCE REPORT.

1) Payments made 1st January 1984 to 30th March 1984. Schedule No.4.

<u>Vo.No.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
62	123618	Petty Cash	19.47
63	19	Initial Services	10.00
64	20	Municipal Mutual Insurance	95.84
65	21	Stott Benham Ltd.,	86.28
66	22	British Legion (Mayors allowance)	7.20
67	23	Mrs.E.Sherratt	39.19
68	24	V.Hallam	172.29
69	25	Inland Revenue	42.73
70	26	Initial Services	10.00
71	27	Wavernorth Printers Ltd.,	115.00
72	28	Newcastle Borough	50.00
73	29	Mrs.E.Sherratt	37.01
74	30	V.Hallam	176.10
75	31	Inland Revenue	45.45.
76	32	F.Garner (Stationers)Ltd.,	40.80
77	33	British Telecom	121.76
78	34/35	D.Bentley & E.Stevenson (Mayors Allow)	106.00
79	36	Petty Cash	13.46
80	37	Initial Services	10.00
81	38	Mrs.E.Sherratt	41.36
82	391	" V.Hallam	182.16
83	40	Mr.C.T.Aucott	164.70
84.	41	Inland Revenue	79.37
85	42	Myott Meakin (1982)Ltd.,	56.93
86	43	J.Lockett Mayors Allowance	53.80
87	44	Petty Cash	13.33
Total: Schedule 4			1780.23
Schedules 1-3 (Apl to Dec 83)			4066.60
Total Payments for year			£5846.83

2. POSITION OF ACCOUNT AS AT 30th March 1984.

<u>Overall.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>Distribution of Balance.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Brought forward	1113.35	Bank: Current A/C (30.3.84)	1224.15
Receipts	6292.70	ADD: Deposit not credited	14.00
			<u>1238.15</u>
Payments	7411.05	Less. Cheques not presented	581.65
	5846.83	Bank Deposit A/C	656.50
		Cash In hand	887.72
			<u>20.00</u>
	<u>£1564.22.</u>		<u>£1564.22.</u>

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS. For the Financial Year ended 30th March 1984.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>£.</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>		<u>£.</u>
Victoria Hall. - lettings		5479.80	Victoria Hall		266.57
" Insurance refund		19.33	Performing Rights		57.88
Allotment Rents		284.00	Bowls		62.10
Bowls		50.20	Subscriptions		15.00
Interest		54.83	Employees		3822.41
Pay telephone		100.55	Administration		768.99
V.A.T.		293.99	Regalia repairs		97.70
			Insurance		115.16
			Audit Fees		94.00
			Mayors allowance		417.00
			V.A.T.		130.02
		<u>£6292.70</u>			<u>£5846.83.</u>

TOWN COUNCIL OF KIDSGROVE.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Kidsgrove on Thursday 12th April 1984.

Present:- Councillor J.Lockett in the Chair.

Councillors:- A.Amos J.P., J.J.Beech C.C., M.K.Bentley, Mrs.D.Burch, L.O.Burch, F. Chadwick, E.Dunning, J.E.Ellis, J.S.Evans, P.Forster, A.W.Hopkins, Mrs.H.Lench, Mrs.S.J.Williams, B.J.G.Redfern, Mrs.N.Salt, D.Ward.

TRIBUTE.

The Leader of the Council paid tribute to the late David Wild who was a Councillor and past Chairman of the Council.

Mr.Wild made a big contribution to Kidsgrove and District, and also presented the Chain of Office.

137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:- Mrs.F.M.Gibson, J.Holdcroft.

138. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DATED 22nd March 1984.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Town Council dated 22nd March 1984 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

139. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES DATED 22nd March 1984.

There were no questions arising from Minutes dated 22nd March 1984.

140. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council considered the report dated 12th April 1984, and resolved that the following observations be forwarded to the Borough Council.

The Town Council did not object to any of the Planning Applications submitted.

141. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported the contents of the following letters:-

Borough of Newcastle under Lyme. re: Vehicular Access at 24, Wright Street, Butt Lane. Regarding the Council's comments on the above application:- The application was approved on 14th March as no adverse comments had been received within the consultation period which ended on the 6th March 1984. I have passed the more general problem of traffic in Wright Street to the Director of Technical Services for his attention.

Noted.

Staffordshire Family Practitioner Committee.

The prescription collection and delivery service which was run by the chemist in Butt Lane was at his expense and has had to be withdrawn following medical advice.

The situation in Talke Pits is no different to that which applies in many other areas but if your Council feels in the interests of the patients concerned that it would wish to establish a collection and delivery service, I would be pleased to supply you with details of the steps which need to be taken to institute such a service.

With regard to the In-house Chemist possibility at the Normid Hypermarket, a member reported that the Monday closure was not a major problem. The F.P.C. would not grant a licence if they are not open full time. They will now go away and look at it.

A member questioned:- If the Co-op did this would dispensing cease at the surgery? We want a change in the rule, otherwise we are playing into the hands of one person.

The leader then said that we are fighting the Family Practitioner Committee, we are a special case and should write to the F.P.C. accordingly.

Dr.Derber set a precedence by dispensing at the Doctor's surgery some years ago, and the Town Council reiterate their claim that this is a special case, and should be treated accordingly by the Family Practitioner Committee.

This course of action - So moved.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Steps at Poplar Drive & Peckforton View, Kidsgrove.

So far as the steps leading from Poplar Drive to Ravenscliffe Road are concerned I can only repeat that the steps are not shown as the route of a definitive footpath nor are they part of an adopted highway. They have obviously been constructed by a private developer on his own land for his own reasons and I cannot see any reason why he should not still be responsible. There is no question that the Council would accept these steps if approached to adopt them since they have been constructed using precast concrete lintels which are now showing signs of failure. To be acceptable to the highway authority they would need to be properly constructed and a handrail would also need to be provided.

The situation at Peckforton View is somewhat different as was explained to you in the letter of 27th February. A meeting is due to be held with the solicitors representing the householder who caused the original collapse on Tuesday 3rd April 1984 and it could be that a solution is found then.

Further to this letter a site visit was agreed upon for 3rd April 1984.

The leader commented that the rate payers must be fed up to the teeth with this problem. As it stands, the steps are dangerous, they are well used, and must be the responsibility of the local authority.

The Council were far from happy with the explanation, and welcomed the site visit.

Newcastle Borough Council re: Street Lightin Temporary Diversion Route.

I understand that a Member of the Midlands Electricity Board has visited your Town Council Members concerned over the lighting and explained the problems to them. To overcome the problems associated with time clocks and power failures I have instructed the Electricity Board to convert to a photo-electric cell. This means, of course, that the lighting will remain on throughout the hours of darkness and this will remain when the Diversion Route ceases to be used in the next few days. I hope this alleviates your concern on the matter.

The Chairman pointed out that on at least two occasions recently, the diversion route had been in total darkness, and members resolved to write again stating that they are dissatisfied with the remarks contained in the letter, and it is obvious the M.E.B. have not paid attention to this problem.

Mr.E.Rigby 101, Whitehall Avenue, Kidsgrove. re: Allotment No.4. Lamb Street.

I would like to take over, and cultivate No.4. allotment. The land has not been cultivated for the last four or five years.

The Council resolved to write to the tenant pointing out that he is violating item (2) of the allotments covenant, and they therefore request that he terminate the tennancy so that this plot may be re-allocated and cultivated.

The rent already paid for 1984 to be reimbursed.

Newcastle Borough Council.

For information.

The Borough of Newcastle under Lyme
Meadows Road, Kidsgrove (Off Street
Parking Place) Order 1984.

Documents relating to the above order to hand.

142. REPORT OF FINANCE OFFICER.

Resolved that the Report 1) Schedule No.4.
2) Statement of Account as at 30th March 1984
3) General Statement of Receipts & Payments for the Financial
Year ended 30th March 1984
as presented be approved.

The leader congratulated the Finance Officer on a job well done, and the Council resolved For the extra hours worked and Interviews Mr.Aucott be paid an amount of £20.

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143. FOOTPATH ESTIMATES.

The Leader reported that the Footpaths in Kidsgrove and District were in excess of 200. It was therefore impossible to obtain estimates for all paths, and he suggested the Council concentrate on areas and individual Footpaths. For the Kidsgrove area he suggested the Footpath leading from Lambe Street.

The Council resolved To ask the Borough Council for an estimate for the work necessary to provide a hard dry surface, and confirm the work could be carried out by the Borough Council's direct labour department.

144. BIRCHALL BOWLS COMPETITION 1984.

The Town Council resolved to again hold the Birchall Bowls Competition, and to increase the Entrants Fee to 70pence.

145. REPORT SAVE OUR N.H.S. CAMPAIGN MEETING.

Reporting to the Council as a delegate at the inaugural meeting of the North Staffs (Save our N.H.S.) Campaign Committee, a member said it was a broad based organisation, and he would like to see a sub committee formed to prepare a strong case of facts and figures calling for Westcliffe Hospital to be saved from closure. He further reported the next meeting as May 9th 1984, and he hoped that the fight against the closure of the Westcliffe would be taken on board by the campaign.

The Council resolved:- That a sub-committee be formed to prepare a case ready for the May 9th Meeting.

146. NAPIER GARDENS.

A member reported that the Footpath in Napier Gardens is all churned up.

The Council resolved:- To report this matter to the Borough Council.

147. GILBERT CLOSE.

A member reported that sand and gravel have been left on the Road in Gilbert Close from last years repairs.

Also in Gilbert Close. the dangerous condition of the power box. The case is damaged, and the mechanism exposed.

Resolved:- That these matters be reported to the Borough Council.

148. ALLOTMENT MEETING.

A member requested that a Meeting be convened with the allotment tenants and the Crier replied that the Council would meet with the allotment holders, but it would be necessary to review the rents.

149. QUICK SAVE SUPERMARKET.

A member reported the state of the forecourt and car-park of the Quick Save Supermarket as being littered with bottles, bricks, litter etc.,

Residents have also complained, and the Council resolved to write to the Manager requesting that this area be tidied as soon as possible before an accident occurs.

150. ANSELLS BURSLEM BREWERY

A member reported that as yet, nothing had been done to the dangerous wall and fence at the rear of the Galley Public House, reported 27th October 1983.

Resolved:- To remind the Brewery that this matter now urgently needs attention

J. Lockett